Your performance assessment combined with the technical assessment are integral to Spotlight Education's mission of supporting Minnesota high school theatre programs. Our evaluators are often the only Spotlight representatives who interact directly with the school community and as such it is required that your visit is:

1. Positive: You are the face of Spotlight Education and the Trust. Everything you say and do should reflect that.
2. Supportive: Your role is to encourage the students and directors. You are there to provide your expertise and guide them toward constructive self-evaluation by giving feedback and helpful observations.

PREPARATION
Prior to your visit you will receive the date and time of the performance, the address to the performance venue as well as an assessment guide to aid you in your note-taking. You will also receive details about the production to help you prepare, including program information, the names and roles of individual students to be evaluated and which areas of the production feature student involvement.

THE VISIT
Pick up your tickets at will call. Ari will contact you with the name the tickets will be reserved under. The director may choose to introduce themselves and welcome you or you may just go to your seats. Please notice the front of house experience to include on your assessment.

COMPLETE ASSESSMENT FORM
You will be sent a link to the assessment form prior to your visit. Complete and submit this form within three days of your visit. Evaluate the performers and the individuals identified by the teacher. You will also have the opportunity to nominate individuals or groups for an honor. Your assessment, taken from your extensive notes, should be honest and specific, while endeavoring to stay positive and supportive. Please be sure your comments align to the numbers you assign each area as well as any honors you recommend. Payment will be made upon receipt of evaluation.

ABOUT SPOTLIGHT EDUCATION
Spotlight Education engages Minnesota high school students in the performing arts, as the flagship education program of Hennepin Theatre Trust. Lifelong learning, leadership and community are the core values of Spotlight Education and the talented students who participate in this year-long program. Through Spotlight Education, students enrolled in their high school musical theatre programs receive professional training and guidance to enhance their artistic, technical and performing skills. This wide-ranging program has four key components:

• Production assessments connect high schools with theatre professionals and educators who offer feedback and guidance on the schools’ musical theatre productions
• Spotlight Showcase, the culmination of the year-long program, invites all participating high schools to take center stage and perform before live audiences in one of the Trust’s historic theatres
• Masterclasses offer an array of training from local theatre professionals and Broadway performers
• Critical Review teaches students all aspects of musical theatre so that they are able to write professional theatre and performance reviews

Since its inception in 2005, Spotlight Education has served more than 45,000 students in 100 schools throughout the state. Spotlight Education is made possible by the voters of Minnesota through a grant from the Minnesota State Arts Board, thanks to a legislative appropriation from the arts and cultural heritage fund. Learn more about Spotlight Education at HennepinTheatreTrust.org.

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