

Dragon's Laire Baronial Arts & Sciences Championship Scholarly Bardic Considerations

Name:

Entry:

Goal: Academic study of a Current Middle Ages or period performance art, rather than a skilled performance.¹

Presentation:

Is the presentation done well? Does the display, if any, enhance the research? How well does the author discuss the entry, its process, its challenges, and field questions?

Basic presentation / Average presentation / Excellent presentation

Thoughts to consider:

SCA and Historical Context:

Does the author clearly place the research in time and place?

Yes / No

Thoughts to consider:

Research:

Does the research increase our understanding of the historic aspects of our Society's performance arts history or of a period performance art? Is the depth and breadth of the research well focused? What level of academic skill is shown? How well did the author explain and/or demonstrate any performance aspects?

A good attempt was made / Average quality research / Advanced research

Thoughts to consider:

¹ Studies of our SCA Bardic tradition, including historical songs and tales, are encouraged so we don't lose our own history! These include period pieces, filks, SCA Historical stories, original works and "modern" pieces. The study of "modern pieces" might focus on Scottish folk tales and songs, or the history of filks, for example.

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Writing:

Is the paper written in a clear and coherent manner? Is the main thesis clearly stated? Are the main points well presented and well supported by references and/or logic? Are unfamiliar terms explained? What is the quality of any translations? Grammar, spelling and sentence structure issues should be noted below.

A good attempt was made / Average writing skills / Advanced writing skills

Thoughts to consider:

Formatting:

Was a consistent method of citation used? Were sections formatted well? What is the quality of the References section or Bibliography?

Basic / Average / Advanced

Thoughts to consider:

Documentation:

Note the quality of sources consulted. Does the author make good critical assessments about the quality of sources? Are the points in the paper well supported by appropriate and relevant sources?

Basic documentation / Good documentation / Advanced documentation

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More things to think about: