



Eastern Region

Newsletter

Summer, 2010

Regional Conference: March 11–13, 2011

Mark your calendars now for our next **Eastern Region NATS Conference and Student Auditions!** The Québec District will host the event March 11–13, 2010 at the University of Ottawa.

Attendance has been down quite a bit at recent regional conferences – maybe because we are such a large and diverse region – but let's set out to make this a vibrant, fun, and rewarding conference. I'd love to hear about ideas you might have for making this a signature event. Be sure to stay tuned for details!

Chapter Activities

Our chapters are vibrant and active – it is clear that they are among our greatest strengths.

For information about all upcoming chapter activities, please visit the website: <http://www.easternregionnats.com>

Delaware NATS and the **Delaware Valley Chapter** will hold student auditions at the University of Delaware on November 13, 2010.

NJNATS held its *Festival of Singing* on February 20, 2010, and the *Doris Lenz Festival of Singing* on November 7, 2009. In addition, they added a Recruitment Officer to the chapter leadership.

The **Central New York Finger Lakes Chapter** held a Spring Workshop / Master Class on March 27, 2010, and will add a musical theatre category in the fall 2010 student auditions. They have also added a Membership Officer to the chapter leadership.

The **Eastern New York Chapter** held its annual *Art Song Festival*, February 26-27, 2010. The Honors Recital was April 18, 2010.

Chapter Activities...continued

NATS NYC held a number of events, including *Psychological Issues in Singing Studio*, January 23, 2010, a *World Voice Day* Event, April 16, 2010, and the 7th Annual Student Auditions, November 14, 2009. In addition they have added a Membership Chair to the chapter leadership.

The **Allegheny Mountain Chapter** (PA) had a Meeting / Master Class on September 20, 2009, their annual Student Auditions, November 14, 2009, and a Brainstorming Meeting, May 1, 2010. — Fall meeting will be September 18 at Messiah College, and the annual student auditions will be November 13 at Susquehanna University.

Lehigh Valley Chapter (PA) held a Workshop / Master Class, November 14, 2009, their Fourth Annual Student Auditions, February 13, 2010, and the First Annual Gala Recital, March 21, 2010. — Fall workshop will be November 6, 2010, the 5th Annual Student Auditions will take place February 12, 2011, and their Gala Recital will be March 20, 2011. All upcoming events are scheduled at Moravian College in Bethlehem, PA.

The **Tri-States Chapter** (PA) held its annual Student Auditions on October 31, 2009.

Chapitre Montréal held its annual Student Vocal Festival, February 2010.

West Virginia NATS had its first ever WV NATS Student Auditions on April 10, 2010.

District Officer Update

After years of excellent service to the region, Richard Kennedy has stepped down as Pennsylvania District Governor. Let us express our thanks to him for all of the work he has done. Let us also welcome Elaine Henderson, who has agreed to take over in this office.

Membership...

- You'll see that we have a number of new members, which is wonderful. Of course, reaching out to new members is an ongoing activity – so please continue to encourage teachers you know to join NATS.
- Our newsletter is sent electronically, with information also posted on the regional website. Hard copies are mailed to all of the members without an email address on file, but to help reduce this number a note requesting missing addresses went out with the last newsletter. So far the number of missing addresses has been able to be reduced by more than one-third (though I look forward to reducing this even further). Thanks in advance for helping with this campaign.
- To help with the renewal of lapsed members I have sent e-mail messages, and also followed-up by making individual calls. We've gone from 78 lapsed members to 61, but there is still work to be done. Please encourage members in your area to stay connected and involved with the Association.
- Three of our members were chosen to participate in the NATS Intern Program this summer. Congratulations to Ken Bryson, Ted Christopher, and Ann Marie Daehn. I am sure they will come back with many new ideas and information to share. Be sure to ask...

Our New Members

Delaware

Daniel Blake Smith, Wilmington

New Jersey

Valerie Pineda, Scotch Plains

Paul Speiser, Princeton

Catherine Joy Bechtler, Princeton

Jamie Louise Baer-Peterson, New Providence

Victoria Anne Lotkowitz, Edison

New York

Jan Horvath, New York

Sahoko Sato, New York

D Michael Heath, New York

Meena Nair Conant Norwich

Kathy Perconti, Rochester

Marjorie Kahn, New York

Mary Thorne, New York

John D. O'Donnell, Rochester

Christopher LaCroix, New York

Deborah Savoy, Esperance

Adam Potter, Geneseo

Pyeng Threadgill, Brooklyn

Ian Bentley, Binghamton

Patricia Marie Pimentel Pineda, Astoria

New York (continued)

Myrna Bismarck, Blue Point

Julie Ann Susi, Richfield Springs

Carolyn R. T. Weber, DeWitt

Richard A. Fields, Syracuse

Joyce Smith, Bronx

Neal Harrelson-Keyes, New York

Siobhan C. E. Kolker, New York

Jonathan C Hays, New York

Amanda Cara Boyd, Valatie

Susan Elizabeth Amisano, Elmira

Amelia Seyssel, Poughkeepsie

Kevin M Murphy, Astoria

Lars V Woodul, New York

Blair Boone, Brooklyn

Kathryn Kibbey Cushman, Rye Brook

Beverly Myers, New York

Deborah Andrews, New York

Sharon Eisert, Flushing

Valerie Girard, Ardsley

Pennsylvania

JJanelen Farmer, Phoenixville

Eva Rainforth, Pittsburgh

Wendy Ann Grice, Nanticoke

Tracy Lyn Sturgis, Upper Darby

Pennsylvania (continued)

Kayle Brecher, Bridgeport

Jennifer Louise Ilderton, Lancaster

Cynthia Ortiz-Bartley, Greensburg

Gail Grossman, Allentown

Susan Whitenack, Doylestown

Michelle Rebeck, Williamsport

Katherine Elizabeth Crusi, Ambler

Kerri Williams, Pine Forge

Marian Murphy Powell, Collegenille

Christina Vuono, Bala Cynwyd

Nora Marie Whittaker Jones, West Conshohocken

Barbara Kathleen Kovacs, Honey Brook

Gwen E Walker, Pittsburgh

Randall Steven Scarlata, Philadelphia

Julia D Madden, Philadelphia

Quebec

Danielle Patricia Pullen, Candiac

Nathalie Cloutier, Quebec

West Virginia

Joshua Miller, Princeton

Mary Spivak, Morgantown

Angela Day, Wheeling

NATSAA District and Regional Audition Update

The 2010 NATS Artist Award competition held four preliminary auditions earlier this year – in New Jersey, New York (Ithaca and New York City), and Pennsylvania. The district winners competed at the regional audition at Penn State in April. Our representative to the national levels of competition was Victoria Browers. Victoria sang beautifully at the conference in Salt Lake City, and advanced to the finals. Congratulations to Victoria, and to all who competed.

I'd also like to thank again the officers who organized and ran the preliminary auditions – Randie Blooding, Rochelle Ellis, Richard Kennedy, and Lori McCann. These events would not be possible without the generous efforts of these district officers!

The Eastern Region website has been redesigned. Be sure to check for updates...
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