



Eastern Region Newsletter

Summer 2014

2014 Eastern Region Conference Recap

Hofstra University welcomed 138 participating students and 30 teachers to the 2014 Eastern Region Conference and Student Auditions. Eastern Region Governor-Elect, **Sarah Hoover**, served as site coordinator, offering flawless preparation, and providing the weekend's events with all the amenities the Department of Music has to offer. Guest artist **Adam Guettel** led a master class – “Lyricism in Classic and Contemporary Music Theater” – featuring students of the region's member teachers. The NATSAA Region finalists treated conference attendees to stellar performances. **Andrew Abrams, Francesca Cassio, Tammy Hensrud, Dr. Anthony Jahn, Ilona Pierce, David Ronis** and **Holli Ross** all presented engaging workshops and presentations for attendees on Saturday.

A very special thanks goes to **Stephen Ng** who gave so much of his time and expertise to registration for the Student Auditions, and to **Megan Durham** who ably ran the Student Auditions during the conference. I would also like to thank **Sarah Hoover** who gave countless hours to ensure the success of the entire weekend, and to **Lori McCann** and **Hope Hudson** for helping with the NATSAA auditions.

Winner's List

Category	Place	Student	Teacher	Category	Place	Student	Teacher	
High School Men	1 st	Jack Lindberg	Adrienne McKeown	Junior Women	1 st	Caitlin Gotimer	Thomas Goodheart	
	2 nd	Drew Sprague	Brenda Dawe		2 nd	Gina Moscato	Nina Tober	
	3 rd	Alex Kosick	Brenda Dawe		3 rd	Elisa Galindez	Sarah Hoover	
High School Women	1 st	Claire Caverly	Mary Ellen Schaubert	Senior Men	1 st	Jordan Schreiner	Alissa Rose	
	2 nd	Katie Glasgow	Brenda Dawe		2 nd	Andrew Vensel	Randall Scarlata	
	3 rd	Chelsea Holmes	Tammy Hensrud		Senior Women	1 st	Stacey Geyer	Nina Tober
Freshman Men	1 st	Benjamin Dutton	Robert Brandt		2 nd	Suzannah Waddington	Kelley Hijleh	
	2 nd	Ben Reisinger	Mario Martinez		3 rd	Jamie Rapaport	Jennifer Trost	
	3 rd	Russell Goetz	Melanie Dement		Music Theater Lower	1 st	Drew Sprague	Brenda Dawe
Freshman Women	1 st	Lauren Silberstein	Thomas Goodheart		2 nd	Alex Kosick	Brenda Dawe	
	2 nd	Karima Jibril	Thomas Goodheart		3 rd	Katie Glasgow	Brenda Dawe	
	3 rd	Andrea Crickard	Mitchell Hutchings		4 th	Chelsea Holmes	Tammy Hensrud	
Sophomore Men	1 st	Michael Hawk	Daniel Ihasz	Music Theater Upper	1 st	Deanna Giulietti	Sarah Hoover	
	2 nd	Greg Feldmann	Randall Scarlata		2 nd	Mia Pinero	Lori McCann	
	3 rd	Kameron Ghanavati	Blake Smith		3 rd	Timothy McGowan	Mitchell Hutchings	
Sophomore Women	1 st	Daniela Rivera	Thomas Goodheart	Advanced Lower	1 st	Megan Supina	Noël Archambeault	
	2 nd	Cara Ferro	Noël Archambeault		2 nd	Corie Auger	Ted Christopher	
	3 rd	Kathryn Domyan	Nina Tober		3 rd	Julia Wolcott	Jennifer Trost	
Junior Men	1 st	Danny O'Neill	Stephen Ng		4 th	Shari Feldman	Noël Archambeault	
	2 nd	Ricky Nan	Thomas Goodheart		Advanced Upper	1 st	Alexis Droke	Sara Seglem-Hocking
						2 nd	Mark Haddad	Blake Smith

Congratulations!

National Student Auditions

The long-standing tradition of NATS Student Auditions at the chapter and region levels will celebrate its first national competition in Boston next month. The top performers in each region were given the opportunity to enter this first annual National Student Auditions to compete against other top artists from around the country. The Eastern Region finalists advanced to a national online screening round, where entrants submitted a video of their performances for judging by a national committee. The committee has selected a maximum of 14 singers from each of the 12 categories and those singers advance to the semi-final round. Three singers from each category will then be selected to compete in the final round. The national semifinal and final rounds will be held during the NATS National Conference in Boston, July 6-7, 2014.

These are the singers representing the Eastern Region, along with their national category designation:

- I. High School Music Theater Men: Alex Kosick, Drew Sprague
- II. High School Music Theater Women: Katie Glasgow, Chelsea Holmes
- III. High School Men: Drew Sprague
- IV. High School Women: Katie Glasgow, Chelsea Holmes
- VI. College/Private Music Theater Women: Deanna Giuliotti, Mia Pinero
- VIII. Lower College/Private Women: Kathryn Domyan
- X. Upper College/Private Women: Gina Moscato, Stacey Geyer
- XII. Graduate/Advanced Women: Corie Auger, Alexis Droke

NATS Artist Awards

The District and Region NATSAA competitions were held at Hofstra University during the March Region Conference. Eight entrants vied for the opportunity to represent the Eastern Region in the upcoming NATSAA semifinal and final rounds which will be held during the NATS National Conference in Boston, July 4-5, 2014. Congratulations to Kelly Bixby who won Eastern Region NATSAA finalist, and to Laura Strickling, First Alternate, and Kirsten Kunkle, Second Alternate.

NATS Intern Program

Each year, member teachers from around the country are selected to participate in the NATS Intern Program. This year's class includes teachers who primarily teach in university settings, as well as those who operate independent studios. Twelve members were selected to participate in the 2014 NATS Intern Program, June 10-19, at Ohio State University. The 10-day forum pairs experienced and recognized master teachers of voice with talented, young teaching professionals. Congratulations to Eastern Region member Christy Turnbow, who teaches at Montclair State University and also maintains a private studio, for being chosen to participate this year!

Save the dates...

2015 Eastern Region Conference and Student Auditions

March 20-22, 2015

Westminster Choir College, Princeton, NJ

Sharon Sweet and Nova Thomas, *site coordinators*

Dr. Stephen Ng, *auditions coordinator*

2016 Eastern Region Conference and Student Auditions/NATSAA Auditions

March 11-13, 2016

Montclair State University, Montclair, NJ

Dr. Lori McCann, *site coordinator*

Chapter News...see what's going on around the region.

Allegheny Mountain

September 21, 2013 – The fall chapter meeting included a presentation by Erin Lippard entitled “Bel Canto to Broadway”.

November, 2013 – The chapter held its annual Student Auditions at Mansfield University, hosted by Alissa Rose and Todd Ranney.

April 5, 2014 – The chapter sponsored a “YogaSing” workshop, featuring instructor Suzanne Jackson of *The Awakening Arts Studio* in Kennett Square, PA.

Fall Student Auditions, November 1, 2014 – Messiah College

Delaware

Student Auditions, date and time TBD

Master Class with Tenor Matthew Polenzani, date and time TBD

Finger Lakes

April 13, 2014 – the chapter sponsored a workshop at Ithaca College with the amazing Erie Mills. The focus of the one-day event was “Singing in English”, which is an area of particular interest and expertise for Ms. Mills. She has served as the principal English Diction Coach at the Metropolitan Opera, Opera Theater of Saint Louis, Santa Fe Opera, and she has taught master classes throughout the country. The master class allowed time for both teachers and students to sing for Ms. Mills and gain valuable information to enhance their diction and musical performance of American and English art song.

October 26, 2014 – The annual student competition will be held at the Eastman School of Music. Kathryn Cowdrick will host the one-day event in Rochester.

Lehigh Valley

November 2, 2014, 3-5pm – Fall Workshop at Moravian College. Patricia Risley will give a lecture/master class/Q&A on how to audition. A chapter social will follow.

February, 7, 2015, 8am-4pm – Annual Student Auditions at Moravian College.

March 15, 2015, 2:30pm – Annual Gala Recital at Moravian College.

New Jersey

November 1, 2014 – Doris Lenz Festival for High School Singers at The College of New Jersey, Ewing.

New York City

September 29, 2014, Time TBD - NATS-NYC Chapter First Annual "Meet and Greet" Social Gathering and Chapter Meeting at Teachers College, Columbia University.

November 8, 2014, 8:30-5:30 - NATS-NYC Chapter Student Auditions at Teachers College, Columbia University. Junior High School through Adult Avocational, for both classical and music theater singers. In addition to the morning auditions, we have a Master Class/Career Event in the afternoon and a Winner's Concert/Awards Ceremony in the evening.

April 18, 2015 - 12:00-4:00 - World Voice Day Event- Keeping Current - Music Theater Pedagogy and 16 bar Clinic. Presentations by Master Music Theater Pedagogues and a 16-bar Audition Clinic for NATS-NYC students with a Panel of NYC Industry Professionals. Place TBA.

Tri-States

November 8, 2014 – Student Auditions at Slippery Rock University.

Our New Members...

Pennsylvania

Jessica Festa, Olyphant
Rebecca Gamble, Downingtown
Fiona Gillespie, Williamsport
David Harris, Clarks Summit
Laurel Hessler, Doylestown
Christopher Jackson, Williamsport
Andrew Skitko, Pottstown
Dorian Toth, Nazareth
Alicia Tracy, Chalfont
Marcia Vanderslice, Red Hill
Jennifer Vanella, Pittsburgh

New Jersey

Zachary Bradford, Bloomfield
Timothy Cole, Jersey City
Valerie Gonzalez, Fair Lawn
Julie-Anne Hamula, Fair Lawn
Joo Yeon Jung, Fort Lee
Michele McConnell, Newark
Nicole Milillo, Jackson
William Molnar, Flemington
Angelika Nair, Chatham
Kerry Stubbs, Kenilworth
Matthew Webb, Jersey City

New York

Natalie Bradshaw, New York
Melinda Haslett, Port Jefferson
Gregory Mercer, West Hempstead
Brian Neff, New York
Jennifer Roderer, New York
Rockford Sansom, New York
Jennifer Sisbarro, Scottsville
Elly Stone, New York
Bengi Tasci, New York
Mary VanArsdel, New York
Sarah Wolfson, New York

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