



## Eastern Region *Newsletter*

*Winter 2013*

### **2014 Eastern Region Conference and Student Auditions – March 21-23, 2014 Hosted by Hofstra University, Hempstead, New York**

You and your students are cordially invited to Hofstra University in March 2014 for an exciting lineup of Student Auditions, NATSAA Region Auditions, workshops and performances. Serving as site coordinator is Sarah Hoover, and Stephen Ng of West Chester University will once again be the auditions coordinator. Dr. Hoover has put together an exciting line up of performances and workshops for the upcoming conference. **Composer/teacher Adam Guettel** will open the conference on Friday evening with a master class featuring students from our region. Here's a quick look at other activities:

**Friday:** Preliminary auditions; Evening master class with **Adam Guettel**

**Saturday:** Semi-final auditions; NATSAA District and Region Finals; Workshops

- **Naad Yoga, the Yoga of Sound** – Francesca Cassio, scholar and singer with expertise in Indian music.
- **The Developing Singer: Choices and Directions** – a panel discussion with Andrew Abrams, Tammy Hensrud and David Ronis.
- **Havin' a Ball: Workshop on the Petrone Method** – Ilona Pierce, Associate Professor of Drama at Hofstra University.
- **How to Keep the Singer Singing** – Anthony Jahn, MD, and Holli Ross, SLP

**Sunday:** Final round of auditions

**Registration is now open!** Visit [www.natsadjudications.com](http://www.natsadjudications.com) to set up your profile. You are strongly encouraged to use this website to register yourself and your students for the Student Auditions. You'll also find the full registration packet (located under "Auditions") plus more detailed information about all conference activities.

**Registration Deadline: February 7, 2014**

### *National Student Auditions*

*Beginning in 2014, the exciting experience of regional NATS Student Auditions, where singers perform and receive written feedback, has added a national competition round in addition to \$30,000 in prizes!*

**How It Works:** The long-standing tradition of regional NATS Student Auditions will now offer the opportunity for the top performers in each region to compete against other top artists from around the country. Students of NATS members will begin by performing during their regional auditions. Three singers from each regional category will advance to a national online screening round, where entrants will submit a video of their performances for judging by a national committee. The committee will then select three singers from each of the 14 categories for the national semifinal and final rounds – to be held during the NATS National Conference in Boston, July 6-7, 2014.

**Prizes:** 1<sup>st</sup> prizes will total \$20,000, while second prizes will total \$10,000.

**Competition Dates:** Online national screening begins in April 2014, with the national semifinals and finals scheduled for July 6-7, 2014, as part of the 53<sup>rd</sup> NATS National Conference in Boston.

**Deadline to Apply:** April 23, 2014 (applications by invitation following regional auditions)

Visit [http://www.nats.org/national\\_student\\_auditions.html](http://www.nats.org/national_student_auditions.html) for detailed information.

## *Chapter News – what’s going on around the Region...*

### ***Delaware Chapter***

On Saturday, October 19, student auditions were held at the University of Delaware Amy DuPont Music Building. Students of member teachers from private studios and area universities, including UD, Delaware State, and West Chester University, participated in the all-day event. Eastern Region Governor Debra Field served as judge for the finals round.

### ***New Jersey Chapter (njnats.net)***

The 2013 Doris Lenz Festival was held on Saturday, November 2, at The College of New Jersey. The 2014 Festival of Singing will be held on Saturday, February 15, 2014, at New Jersey City University.

### ***Finger Lakes Chapter (natscnyfl.org)***

On October 26<sup>th</sup>, the annual student auditions were held at Buffalo State College. The daylong event was hosted by Holly Bewlay and was attended by 30 teachers from around the region. Robert Strauss, the auditions coordinator, did a superb job in scheduling over 110 singers.

The spring workshop will feature American soprano Erie Mills. The event will take place on the Ithaca College campus on April 13, 2014. The daylong workshop will focus on “Singing in English”, an area of expertise for Ms. Mills.

The chapter has a new Facebook page. You will find them at “natscnyf”.

### ***New York City Chapter (natsnyc.org)***

*Nov. 16, 2013 – Student Auditions, Columbia Teachers College, Horace Mann Hall* – annual Student auditions in all categories of classical and music theater from high school through upper advanced divisions and adult avocational singers. Prizes were awarded and winners were presented in recital at the end of the day. The mid day event, "Act the Song", was presented by David Ronis. A free 1 year membership to NATS-NYC Chapter was offered for National NATS members in the area with teacher registration and student participation in the student auditions.

*April 12, 2014 – World Voice Day Event – Vocal Health: Team Approach and Diagnostic Tools for Teachers* – venue and time TBA.

*May 18, 2014: Winner's Concert, NYC (venue TBD)* – 2nd Annual Winners Concert featuring first and second place winners of the November Student Auditions in a public performance in New York City.

### ***Allegheny Mountain Chapter (amcnats.org)***

The chapter’s annual Student Auditions were held at Mansfield University in Mansfield, Pa., on Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, hosted by Todd Ranney and Alissa Rose.

### ***Lehigh Valley Chapter (lvcnats.org)***

The Lehigh Valley Chapter's annual Fall workshop took place on Sunday, November 3, from 3:00-5:00 pm at Moravian College, featuring Peggy Baroody, who gave a presentation on vocal health for singers. After the workshop, the chapter had its first "Mix and Mingle" for our members to meet, eat, and chat in a casual and fun setting!

The chapter will hold its eighth annual Student Auditions on Saturday, February 8, 2014, at Moravian College. Approximately 90 students will enter for eight different divisions of Art Song/Aria & Music Theater. The three highest ranking singers in each division will receive prizes, and perform a musical selection of their choice at the concluding Honors Concert. The Auditions will also feature a master class given by Marvin Keenze.

On Sunday afternoon, March 16, 2014, the chapter will hold its fifth annual Gala Recital at Moravian College. The Gala features high school and college age students selected by their teachers, with the purpose of giving them the opportunity to perform in a formal yet non-competitive setting.

### ***Tri-States Chapter***

The Tri States Chapter held its Student Auditions on Saturday, October 26, at Glenville State College. 62 students and 12 teachers participated in this event. Schools represented: Slippery Rock University, West Liberty University, Glenville State College, West Virginia University, Westminster College, Alderson-Broadbudd University.

### ***National Capital Chapter***

The National Capital Region Chapter hosted a Music Theater workshop on October 19th at Carleton University featuring a staged production number for Junior participants ages 10-15 in the morning and a Senior master class in the afternoon with guest clinician Reid Spencer. It was well attended and informative.

The chapter’s Annual Student Vocal Festival is planned for February 21-23rd, 2014 at the University of Ottawa.

## Our New Members...

### **Delaware**

Dr. Lloyd Mallory, Jr., Dover

### **Pennsylvania**

Phillip Diaz, Bethlehem

Julie Eurillo, Douglassville

Stacy Gabel, Macungie

Allison Graham, Harrisburg

Daniel Lickteig, Philadelphia

Corinne Mammana, Easton

Felicia Ricci, Wayne

Liz Rubino, Mars

Patricia Vigil, Philadelphia

### **New Jersey**

Elise Figa, Madison

Carol Porter, Highstown

Jessica Renfro, Hillsborough

Ereni Sevasti, Jersey City

### **New York**

Richard Crawley, Camden

Darla Diltz, New York

Danya Katok, New York

Laura Osgood, Spencerport

Amy Riddle, New York

Michele Scher, Beach

Dylan Shelofsky, Orangeburg

Matthew Valverde, Rochester

Wilma Wever, New York

### **Ontario**

Ellie Glantz, Ottawa

## Remember to renew your NATS membership

Dues renewal for 2014 is in full swing. Members have until Jan. 31, 2014, to renew without penalty. The NATS Executive Office also accepts online payments for select chapters as part of the renewal process, making your renewal experience a one stop shopping experience!

Be sure to check the Eastern Region website for updates...

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