

Mid-Atlantic Region of the National Association of Teachers of Singing Conference and Auditions

March 13-14, 2020

(March 12, 2020 5-10 pm MAR NATS Board meeting, SOM room 016)
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Honored Guest: Carole Blankenship, President-Elect of NATS

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Hello Mid-Atlantic Region!

I am excited to announce that registration is now open for the Mid-Atlantic Region NSA. To register yourself and you students, you must log in through the NATS national webpage and follow the directions there. Here is a helpful link:

https://www.nats.org/Library/NSA_Files/Accessing_the_NATS_Auditions_Registration_System_-_PDF_instructions.pdf

Please remember, to participate in region auditions:

- students must have earned region-qualifying scores at the district auditions
- teachers must be available to adjudicate both days of the competition or send a substitute judge (and pay the \$50 fee)
- **APPLICATION DEADLINE: MARCH 3, 2020**

The Auditions will take place at the University of South Carolina School of Music (SOM) in Columbia, SC and our wonderful site host will be Serena Hill-LaRoche.

Venue:

University of South Carolina School of Music
813 Assembly Street
Columbia, SC

https://www.sc.edu/study/colleges_schools/music/about/location/index.php

We have some exciting events planned, including an opportunity for Summer Program Auditions (SPA) for college-aged students. Serena Hill-LaRoche has organized representatives from thirteen different companies to hear auditions. More details on this registration to come. There will be a separate registration system for this event. Additionally, we will have some of the SPA reps available for one-on-one interactions with students and teachers during the conference.

Deedy Francis, Gov. of SCNATS and Assoc. Prof. of Anderson University has chaired a committee with Kathleen Bell, VP VANATS, adjunct faculty at Shenandoah and Mary Baldwin College; Greg Gardner, board member VANATS, faculty at Norfolk State University, and Byron Jones, VANATS President and

faculty at Shenandoah. Together they are creating a workshop for High-School students to learn about College Auditions and how to prepare and audition. More to come on this event.

We will also have an honored guest in attendance: **NATS President-Elect Carole Blankenship will be at our conference** to meet with you all. She will be able to speak with us as a group and individually as she lends a hand during our event. You can read more about Carole here:

https://www.nats.org/Carole_Blankenship.html

More details including information about hotels and pianists can be found in a PDF on the homepage of AuditionWare and will be posted on our region website. Continue to check the webpage for updates and information changes. This document will be updated.

Let me know if you have any questions. Best of luck to all of you as each District will host auditions over the next few weekends. I look forward to seeing you soon.

Sincerely,

Jill

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