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South Carolina Chapter

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Dear SCNATS Colleagues,

I hope you have had a great 2024 so far. I'm sure you've been busy these past few weeks filming videos for this year's SCNATS MT and CM Auditions! I hope you will plan to celebrate this accomplishment with SCNATS by joining us on **February 24th at Winthrop University** for our in person **workshop and masterclass**, as well as a live Honors Recital and a social event afterwards. You can find more information below about all of the activities we have planned.

Our day will include a check in, workshop and master class with Andrew Byrne, our annual business meeting, a live Honors Recital for our MT and CM auditions, and (new and exciting!) a social event! We hope that you will come for all of these events! The schedule for the day is as follows:

9:45 – 10:00	Check In at the Conservatory of Music at Winthrop University Address and building info here
10:00 – 12:00	Andrew Byrne presentation
12:00 – 12:30	Movement with Andrew
12:30 – 2:00	Lunch and annual business meeting (Zoom link at the end of this letter)
2:00 – 4:00	Masterclass with Andrew Byrne (submit your student to sing here)
4:30	Live MT and CM Honors Recital (please encourage your student winners to attend)

Social event after recital – please join us! You can find more info [here](#).

See the following pages for more details about our clinician, workshop events, and masterclass opportunity. I'm looking forward to this opportunity to see you all in person! Please remember that if you can't attend in person, you may join in with our annual business meeting via Zoom (link included at the end of this letter). **It is vital we have enough attendees (in person and/or via Zoom) to have a quorum in order to vote on important topics, so please do all you can to attend live or via Zoom.**

Happy singing,

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About our clinician:



Andrew Byrne is a singing teacher based in New York City. His studio is made up of professional musical theatre performers, and his students have been seen in over 75 Broadway shows. Andrew also has several Broadway credits himself, including the pit orchestra for *Les Misérables*.

Andrew has served on creative teams for The Sundance Theatre Lab, Yale Repertory Theatre, North Shore Musical Theatre, and many others. On television, he has worked as a vocal coach for *America's Got Talent* and *Penny Dreadful: City of Angels* (Showtime).

Twice named NYC's favorite vocal coach in the Backstage Readers' Choice Awards, Andrew travels the world to bring his brand of brain-focused training to singers across the globe. In 2016, he was appointed by the U.S. State Department as the first Arts Envoy to the nation of Belarus, where he led the inaugural Russian-language production of the Pulitzer-Prize-winning *Next to Normal*. Other international teaching assignments have taken him to Singapore, Switzerland, Denmark, France, China, and four times to Australia. In North America, Andrew has enjoyed four teaching residencies in Canada (including The Banff Centre) and served as guest faculty for the prestigious University of Michigan musical theatre department.

Andrew's side project is songwriting, where his work has been seen in feature films ([IMDB page](#)) and in prominent online sources such as Seth Rudetsky's "[Obsessed](#)" series. His [youtube channel](#) has over 1.2 million views, and his parody of Heisler and Goldrich's "[Taylor the Latte Boy](#)" is his greatest hit.

Andrew holds a Master of Music degree in vocal pedagogy from Arizona State University and a Bachelor of Music in voice from Western Michigan University. He is also a master practitioner of [Z-Health](#), a program of functional applied neuroscience for athletic trainers.

About our day:

9:45 – 10:00 | Check In at Winthrop University, Conservatory of Music Building

Parking can be found in the gravel lot across from music building on the left. Building address and info can be found [here](#)

10:00-12:00 | Intro to The Singing Athlete

In this presentation, you will learn the basics of brain-based voice training. Andrew will take you through drills to work with the sensory systems that contribute to reflexive vocal support. You will learn a three-part physical exercise series that can be used to calm an anxious nervous system. You will also leave with new tools for training breathing, jaw function, intonation, and vocal power.

12:00-12:30 | Lower-body workout for singers

One of the most underappreciated areas for creating vocal change is the joints of the lower extremity. Although it may seem far away from the larynx, there are many bio-mechanical and neurological reasons to include lower-body drills in the voice studio. In this 30-minute movement class, you will learn new exercises for the feet, ankles, knees, and hips that can be used to unlock greater vocal freedom and ease.

12:30 – 2:00 Lunch and business meeting

Bring your own lunch or run by one of the restaurants listed below at 12:30 and grab something to bring back to our meeting. We won't start right at 12:30 so that you can do this!

2:00 – 4:00 PM | Masterclass

You may submit your student to be considered for participation in the master class at the google form [here](#). Forms are due by Wednesday, March 14th and participants will be notified by Monday, March 19th.

4:30 PM | Live SCNATS MT and CM Honors Recital

Social event afterwards! See [here](#) for more details

Top Ten Restaurants near Winthrop University:

Burgers & Barley - Enjoy the best burgers in town at this top-rated spot.

The Flipside Restaurant - Indulge in delicious American cuisine at this highly recommended restaurant.

Old Town Kitchen & Cocktails - Experience a mix of flavors and cocktails at this cozy eatery.

Ichiro Sushi Bar Teriyaki Grill - Savor fresh and authentic Japanese cuisine, including sushi and teriyaki dishes.

Groucho's Deli - Treat yourself to delicious deli sandwiches and salads at this local favorite.

Fiery Crab - Delight in flavorful seafood dishes at this vibrant restaurant.

The Dixie Pig Rock Hill - Enjoy genuine hospitality and mouthwatering barbecue at this beloved establishment.

Millstone Pizza and Taphouse - Taste delicious pizzas and craft beers in a cozy atmosphere.

Knowledge Perk - Start your day right with phenomenal coffee and tasty pastries at this popular cafe.

Kounter - Experience excellent food and service in a relaxed setting at this upscale eatery.

Topic: SCNATS Spring 2024 Business Meeting
Time: Feb 24, 2024 12:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://clemsonteam.zoom.us/j/99993664299>

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