

Special Thanks

We would like to express our gratitude and thanks to the administration, faculty, and staff at William Carey University for hosting this year's state conference.



National Association of Teachers of Singing Mississippi Annual Student Auditions and Spring Conference

March 24-25, 2017

William Carey University

Hattiesburg, MS

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Conference Program

Friday, March 24th

- 9:00 am MS NATS Board Meeting
Depot Coffeehouse
127 Buschman Street
- 11:00 am Teacher/Judges Registration
Hardy Street Baptist Church
1508 Hardy Street
- 12:00 pm Welcome & Judges Meeting
Hardy Street Baptist Church
Laurissa Backlin, Auditions Chair
- 12:30 pm - 5:30 pm First Round of Student Auditions
Hardy Street Baptist Church
- 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm Individual Coachings with Stephen Purdy
Westminster Presbyterian Church
115 N. 25th Ave.
- 7:30 pm Presentation and Master Class with
Stephen Purdy
Westminster Presbyterian Church
- The audience should remain seated at the conclusion of the evening's recital for announcements of student finalists and judging assignments.*

Saturday, March 25th

- 8:00 am Chapter Breakfast/State Meeting
Town Square Cafe and Bakery
129 Walnut St (in old downtown)
- Finals: Student Competition
Hardy Street Baptist Church
- Times are approximate. Please be early.*
- 10:00 am Group 1: 3, 4, 7A, 8A, 7B, 8B
(Classical HS - Sophomores)
- 11:30 am Group 2: 15, 16, 17, 18, 11A, 12A
(Spiritual, Avocational, Younger Adult, Older Adult, Juniors)
- 1:00 pm Group 3: 11B, 12B, 13A, 14A, 13B, 14B
(Seniors - Graduate Students)
- 2:30 pm Group 4: 1, 2, 5, 6, 9, 10
(All Musical Theatre Categories)
- Remember the time limit of four minutes per singer in the Final Round.*
- Presentation of Awards
Immediately following the final performance
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