

**NATS Arkansas Chapter
Spring Conference 2018
February 23-24, 2018
University of Central Arkansas, Conway, AR**

President's Call and Schedule

Dear Arkansas NATS colleagues,

You are invited to attend our annual conference and student auditions to be held at UCA February 23-24, 2017. Please mark your calendars and make plans to be with us. We are looking forward to hosting you and I hope to see you all there!

REGISTRATION for the Arkansas State NATS Conference will be from January 15-26. The registration all takes place on-line. Questions? Contact Maggie Garret garrettm@obu.edu . **PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THE DATES. Late registrations cannot be accepted.**

IMPORTANT NOTE REGARDING MOTELS: the Motel info will be on the website; however, a large Volleyball Tournament is happening in Conway the SAME weekend. Rooms will be hard to find. Please remember that you can also call the Motels in Morrillton and Morgan (both 20-25 minutes from UCA). This was an unforeseen conflict. Sorry for the problems it may cause! MEA CULPA!

This year we have Guest Artist, Scott L. Michael, tenor and his Collaborative Pianist, J. Bradley Baker. Drs. Michael and Baker are a dynamic team and will present a recital on Friday night and teach the Masterclass on Saturday. Information to apply for the Masterclass will be on the website, soon. You may see the accomplishments of our Recital Duo on their websites: www.scottmichael.com and www.jbradleybaker.com . Dr. Michael is currently serving the West Central Region of NATS and teaching at Emporia State University, Emporia, KS.

All conference-related documents will be posted online at www.natssouthern.com. Click the Arkansas chapter link and you're there! Print all of the information that you expect to use. *Please observe the **January 26th registration deadline.***

The master class application will be on the Arkansas Chapter website.

A tentative schedule for the conference is found BELOW. Please check the website for the official schedule prior to the auditions.

I look forward to seeing you in Conway!

Warm regards,
Rager Moore

Tentative Schedule - All times are approximate. Check website for exact times and locations

Friday, February 23

8:00 registration (pick up name tags)
9:00 Judges Meeting
9:30 Prelims begin
12:00-1:30 Luncheon for Judges
1:30-4:00 Prelims Continue
7:30pm *Scott Michael and Bradley Baker in Concert*, Snow Fine Arts Recital Hall

Saturday, February 24

8:00 Business meeting
9:00-10:30 Semifinal round auditions
10:30-12:00 Masterclass
12:00-1:00 Member box lunch
1:00 Final round auditions and awards ceremony

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