



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
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Louisiana Chapter

Dear Louisiana NATS members,

I am excited to invite you and your students to attend our first 2-day LA District Spring Auditions and Conference, which will be held on Friday, March 8 and Saturday, March 9, 2024, at The University of Louisiana at Lafayette. Registration will begin on Monday, February 12, and will continue until midnight on February 26.

Call for Clinicians

We are honored to have our own Louisiana District Governor Terrie Sanders present “Freeing the Larynx Through Body Awareness: The McClosky Technique.”

In addition to this wonderful presentation, we would like to offer two more sessions to our students and faculty and are accepting proposals for presentations. We would especially like to encourage presentations about our new CCM repertoire or Musical Theater. Something interactive that would be enriching and inspiring for our students and members would be welcome as well. Please send a proposal to me at louisianapresident@nats.org. Each session is an hour and 30 minutes long.

Call for Performers

There will be a Members Recital on Friday evening, and we invite any chapter member interested in performing to fill out the google form below. Submissions should be submitted as requested in the form as a youtube or google drive/dropbox link. Video is preferred but due to the short time frame in which to submit, audio will be accepted as well. The program will be created to include the best variety of repertoire to represent the members of our region. Submissions are due February 12, 2024, and submissions will be considered in the order in which they are received. To send a submission, please fill out the form here:

[Members Recital Submission Form](#)

Hotel, Parking, Lunch

We have blocks of rooms reserved at three hotels near the conference. **The deadline to reserve a room at the group rate is February 16.** Click the following link to access the hotel information. All three hotels include wifi and breakfast. Information including campus maps, nearby restaurants, and parking will be provided on the Louisiana Chapter website as soon as it is available.

[Hotel Information](#)

Here is our schedule of events for the weekend (subject to change):

[LA NATS Schedule](#)

Registration and Categories

The Student Registration fee is \$18 per category and the Member fee will be \$20. If you have any questions concerning registration, please contact our Louisiana District Auditions Chair, Dr. Nancy Carey at LANatsauditions@gmail.com.

To register, Beginning on February 12, click the link below, login to the NATS.org website, and scroll down to the link that says "AuditionNow."

[NATS Registration](#)

Please remember that the Hall Johnson Spirituals Category takes place in even years at the state level, so this is a Hall Johnson year.

Lunch and Chapter Meeting

When you register, you will have the option to pay for our members luncheon. Our luncheon this year will be catered in the beautiful Evangeline Room in the UL student union. The menu will be as follows, and the cost is \$25 and must be paid with your registration:

Entree 1 Lemon and Thyme Seared Chicken breast (gluten and dairy free)

Entree 2 Honey and 5 Spice Pork Loin

Entree 3 Almond Butter, Spelt, and Mushroom Risotto (vegan)

Salad: Garden Salad

Dressing: Ranch, Italian

Hot Side: Herbed Roasted Potato Wedges

Veggie: Sauteed Haricots Vert

Dessert: Vanilla Crème Brûlée

Beverages: Iced Tea and Iced Water

Finally, please be sure to "Like" and "Follow" our Louisiana District NATS Facebook page. [LA NATS Facebook](#). I look forward to seeing many of you and your students in March, and I hope that our conference will be an enriching and educational experience for you and your students.

Warm Regards,

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