

June 8, 2019

Dear Southern Region NATS Members,

I am pleased to announce that the **44th Southern Region NATS Fall Conference and Student Auditions** will be held at Arkansas State University in Jonesboro, Arkansas on November 7 – 9, 2019. Please put these dates on your calendar and plan to join us in Jonesboro this fall. Further information about the conference will appear on our website (natssouthern.com) once we have made final decisions.

This fall conference will be an **All-Members conference**. We will have our Members Recital as well as our Regional NATSAA competition. This will serve as a reminder to speak to your advanced students about entering the NATSAA competition. Many of our younger NATS members may also want to consider entering the competition. Visit the national website for more information (nats.org). **The application deadline is September 9, 2019.** Also a reminder that the deadline for submissions for the National Music Theatre Competition is September 15, 2019 for those interested. See the national website for more information.

**Requirements for submitting recordings
for participation in the All Members Recital**

This is a showcase of our members and will take place on the first night of the conference. Please submit an online recording of the proposed selection(s) that you wish to perform. We ask for no more than 10 - 11 minutes of music. A panel of listeners will review all submissions and send the results out by October 1, 2019.

Member Presentation Proposals

If you would care to submit a proposal for a research demonstration, a lecture-recital, or paper presentation, please follow the guidelines below. These will be presented on Friday afternoon.

Research Demonstration – 25 minutes

Lecture-Recital – 25 minutes

Paper Presentation – 25 minutes

Completed recordings and proposals include the following:

- 1) The Member's name and contact information. Please send the email address and phone number where you can be contacted this summer.
- 2) The proposal format and title.

- a) For Research Demonstration, Lecture-Recital, and Paper Presentation please send a brief abstract.
- 3) A brief biography of everyone involved. Make sure to include your collaborative pianist.
- 4) A list of required audio-visual equipment.
- 5) **NOTE: The number of presenters selected will be influenced by both the availability of venue space and the technical support required for the presentation.**

I am also in need of a person who would be willing to serve as the clinician for the open masterclass on the Friday morning of the conference. This is for students who do not make the semi-finals round and want some more feedback about their performances. A pianist will be provided.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Proposals and recordings must be submitted via email by **September 15, 2017**.

Email to:

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Please email if you have any questions: shawnrroy@hotmail.com

Members chosen for either the Members Recital or the other activities will be notified no later than October 1, 2019.

Other information about deadlines for the student auditions will be handled by Kelly Neill, our auditions chairperson. Visit our website for more information to come.

Questions about the conference schedule and all other things **except** the student auditions should be directed to me. Questions about the student auditions should go to Kelly.

Looking forward to our fall conference and continuing to serve as your regional governor.

Shawn Roy, Southern Region Governor of NATS

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