

President's Conference Call

MS District NATS Student Auditions and Conference (Feb 21-22, 2025)
Mississippi State University, Starkville, MS

On behalf of our hosts, it is my pleasure to invite you to the Mississippi State University for MS District NATS in February. **Registration will open on January 20. (deadline: Feb 7th, at midnight).**

From the Auditions Chair:

Registration for the 2025 MS District NATS Competition (February 21-22, 2025) will open January 20. The registration process is through the national NATS website: <https://www.nats.org>; this is the same process as the Region competition last November. After logging in with your Member name and password, you will click on the green NATS Auditions Registration link (AuditionWare). Instructions for access are also available on that page. **Please be aware that you must pay the National and MS District NATS membership dues before you can register your students.**

Please visit <http://www.southernnats.org/mississippi> to read the Audition Instructions for information regarding CLASSIFICATION (including Treble/TBB) and REPERTOIRE requirements. All instructions are available for you on this website. Please also note the changes to categories that were voted on by the chapter at last spring's meeting regarding Youth categories.

The payment process is also online: teacher registration fee is \$30.00, student registration fee is \$18.00/student/category, and (if needed) collaborative pianist fee is \$50.00/student/category for three songs and \$65.00/student/category for four or more songs.

If you should have any questions not answered by the materials on the website or by this email, please feel free to email me at drgarlotte@gmail.com.

Thank you,
Shelly Buchanan-Garlotte MS NATS Auditions Chair
Mississippi Valley State University

From the President:

First, I would like to thank everyone for your support as I transitioned in the President position for our chapter. I want to thank the board for their help and ideas in restructuring our Friday evening convocation for our conferences going forward. As stated in previous emails, we voted in November to hold 3 masterclass sessions as our Friday evening convocation this year and will discuss if we want to have a guest artist or members recital

for 2026. Thank you to Brad Robinson, Bonita Bunt, and Bianca Jackson who have agreed to serve as the masterclass clinicians for the MT, CL, and AS categories. Please see below for the applications for the student performance for masterclass. I would also like to reopen the conversations for adding the Children and CM categories for our chapter auditions. I hope that you've given this some thought as we will be voting on this.

During our Friday evening convocation, we will hold 3 masterclass sessions on for the CL, MT, and AS categories. If you would like to submit students to participate in one of the masterclass sessions, please complete this form [Google Form](#). If you have issues with submitting students for a masterclass on the form please email me at lmhmusicteacher@hotmail.com. **Proposals are due January 31st.**

CALL for Nominations for the Office of Vice-President/President-Elect

The board is seeking nominations for the office of Vice-President/President-Elect. Please send nominations to lmhmusicteacher@hotmail.com. Self-nominations are allowed and encouraged.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone this February in Starkville!

Sincerely,
Lynn Holliman, MS Chapter President