



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF  
**TEACHERS  
OF SINGING**  
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Southern Region

**49th Annual NATS Southern Region  
Conference & Student Auditions  
Mississippi College  
November 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

***Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024***

6:00pm Executive Board Meeting (Executive Board Members only)  
*Viola and Ed Dacus' Home*  
*109 Cotton Acres Drive, Clinton, MS 39056*

***Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024***

7:30am Registration & Fellowship - *Aven Hall Lobby*  
Hospitality Room - *Aven Hall 126*

8:00am Judges Meeting  
*Jean Pittman Williams Recital Hall*

9:00am-5:00pm Preliminary Round  
*See Auditions Schedule for Exact Locations*

4:00-4:30pm Chair Yoga for Performers (all welcome)  
*Led by Dr. Claire Vangelisti, 500RYT, University of Louisiana at Monroe*  
*Aven Hall 216*

7:00pm Member Recital  
*Swor Auditorium*

8:30pm Announcement of Semifinalists  
*Swor Auditorium*

***Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024***

8:00am-9:45am Member Breakfast/Region Board Meeting  
*Anderson Hall, B.C. Rogers Student Center*

9:45am-10:45am Chapter Meetings  
*Anderson Hall, Meeting Room A, Meeting Room B*

11:00am-5:00pm Semifinal Round  
*Rooms TBA*

- 11:00am-12:00pm Drop-in Masterclass for non-semifinalists CL  
*Dr. Johnnie Bankens, Southeastern Louisiana University*  
*Jean Pittman Williams Recital Hall*
- 12:00pm-1:00pm Drop-in Masterclass for non-semifinalists MT  
*Sandra Moon, Louisiana State University*  
*Jean Pittman Williams Recital Hall*
- 1:00pm-2:00pm Drop-in Masterclass for non-semifinalists CM  
*Jason Burrow, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville*  
*Jean Pittman Williams Recital Hall*
- 2:00pm-4:00pm Lecture Presentations
- ◆ 2:00pm-2:25pm – *Aven 216*  
*“Rehabilitation for Singers Following Pregnancy and Childbirth”*  
Dr. Cara Williams, William Carey University
  - ◆ 2:00pm-2:25pm – *Jean Pittman Williams Recital Hall*  
*“Vocal Literature of African American and African Diasporic Composers”*  
Dr. Lenora Green-Turner, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville
  - ◆ 2:30pm-2:55pm – *Aven 216*  
*“Navigating the Audition Process: Tips for Students and Educators”*  
Lindsay K. Brown, Louisiana State University
  - ◆ 2:30pm-2:55pm – *Jean Pittman Williams Recital Hall*  
*“Function Before Style: Exploring Voice Training Through the Lens of Vocal Function”*  
Liesl Dromi, John Brown University  
Jason Burrow, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville
  - ◆ 3:00pm-3:25pm – *Jean Pittman Williams Recital Hall*  
*“Storytelling through Music Expression”*  
Dr. Roza Tulyaganova, Mississippi State University  
Dylan Hall, Mississippi State University
  - ◆ 3:30pm-4:00pm – *Jean Pittman Williams Recital Hall*  
*“Music Theatre Jeopardy”*  
Dr. Sloane Artis, Northwestern State University of Louisiana
- 4:00pm-4:30pm Mindfulness and Breathing  
*Led by Dr. Claire Vangelisti, 500RYT, University of Louisiana at Monroe*  
*Jean Pittman Williams Recital Hall*
- 5:00pm-6:30pm Southern Region Members Gathering: Cocktail Hour and Dinner (*self-sponsored*)  
Restaurant: *303 Jefferson*  
303 Jefferson St., Clinton, MS 39056
- 7:00pm-8:00pm Featured Masterclass, CL  
*Guest Clinician: Dr. Linda Di Fiore*  
*Swor Auditorium*

8:00pm-9:00pm      Featured Masterclass, MT/CM  
*Guest Clinician: Liz Gray*  
*Swor Auditorium*

9:00pm              Announcement of Finalists

***Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024***

*All Events in Swor Auditorium*

8:30am              Final rounds begin

*\*\*Start times are approximate – be ready to sing before your group time\*\**

8:30am              Session 1: CL 1, CL 2, MT 1, MT 2, CM 1, CM 2, CL 3, CL 4

9:40am              Session 2: CL 5A, CL 6A, CL 5B, CL 6B, CL 7A, CL 8A, CL 7B, CL 8B

**11:15am              Awards Ceremony for CY - CL1, CL2, MT1, MT2, CM1, CM2**

11:30am              Session 3: CL 9A, CL 10A, CL 9B, CL 10B, CL 13/14, AS 3, AS 7, AS 9

12:45pm              Session 4: MT 3, MT 4, MT 5, MT 6, MT 7, MT 8, MT 9, MT 10, MT 11, MT 12,  
MT 13, MT 14

2:30pm              Session 5: CM 3, CM5, CM 6, CM 7, CM 8, CM 9

4:00pm              Awards Presentation

4:30pm              Singing of “An die Musik” & Conference Adjournment

***Many thanks to Mississippi College, the music faculty, and the  
administration for their assistance and for hosting the conference.***

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