



# Eastern Region Newsletter

Winter, 2011

## Regional Conference Update

I'm sorry to report that the next **Eastern Region NATS Conference and Student Auditions** has had to be cancelled. We were very much looking forward to being hosted by the Québec District at the University of Ottawa, but due to changes in space availability at the university, it wasn't going to be possible. Denis Bouldreault had put together a first-rate program, and he and I looked at several alternatives to help make it work, but without adequate space it just didn't seem wise to go forward.

I regret any inconvenience the cancellation may cause, and hope that we will be able to hold other regional events in the near future. In the meantime I encourage members to participate in the many chapter activities taking place. Upcoming activities are listed in the newsletter – and will be updated on the regional and chapter websites as new information becomes available. Thank you for your understanding.

### ***Chapter Open House Idea***

The Central New York Finger Lakes NATS Chapter hosted its first Open House this fall. The event was part of the CNYFL-NATS Weekend, which includes the annual Student Auditions and business meeting. The Open House was intended to recruit new members, to connect with NATS members in the area who may not be active in the Chapter, and to reconnect with former members whose memberships may have lapsed. Chapter President Mario Martinez thought the event was a success, and said they plan to have the Open House every year as part of the CNYFL-NATS Weekend.

This may be an idea that could work for other Chapters as well...

## CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

To keep updated on chapter activities, please visit the websites: <http://www.easternregionnats.com>, <http://www.nats.org/newjersey>, <http://www.nats.org/nyc>, <http://www.nats.org/lehighvalley>

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**Delaware NATS** and the **Delaware Valley Chapter** joined forces to have their 2010 Student Auditions on November 13 at the University of Delaware. The Delaware Valley Chapter plans to host auditions in 2011 at West Chester University, and the Delaware District is in the process of establishing a Delaware Chapter. Officers for this new chapter have been nominated, and hopefully everything will be in place soon.

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**NJNATS** presented *Asthma, Allergies and the Singer* with Dr. Brian Benson of the Hackensack University Medical Center at the Hopewell Valley Vineyards on September 26, 2010. The annual *Doris Lenz Festival* was hosted at The College of New Jersey on October 30. Upcoming activities include the *Festival of Singing* on February 26, 2011 at Rowan University.

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The **Central New York Finger Lakes Chapter** held its annual student auditions October 22-23 at Nazareth College. This event also included an open house for prospective members.

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The **Eastern New York Chapter** will have an Art Song Festival March 4-6, 2011 at the University of Albany. The Honor's Recital from the Festival will be May 1, 2011. There will also be an American Song Project: Local Treasures: Music of Capital Region Composers on April 3, 2011 at Skidmore College.

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**NATS NYC** programmed *Composers, Compositions & Questions* at CUNY Graduate Center Elebash Recital Hall on October 25, 2010. Their Student Auditions were November 13, 2010 at Teachers College - Columbia University. January 30, 2011 will see *Body Issues/Somatic Solutions: Tools for the Singing Studio* at Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater The Joan Weill Center for Dance. For World Voice Day on April 16, 2011, they will offer *Microphone Workshop 3: Ins & Outs of Monitors* at NYC College of Technology.

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The **Allegheny Mountain Chapter** (PA) had its annual Fall Meeting on September 18 at Messiah College. Elaine Henderson gave a presentation on Vocal Jazz. The annual student auditions were held November 13 at Susquehanna University.

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**Lehigh Valley Chapter** (PA) had a Fall Workshop on November 6, 2010 that included a lecture/master class. *Teaching the 21st Century Voice Student*, with Jon Clements of Arkansas Tech University. Their Student Auditions are scheduled for February 12, 2011, with the Annual Gala Recital on March 20, 2011. All upcoming events are scheduled at Moravian College.

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**West Virginia NATS** participated with the Tristate Chapter for auditions on October 30, 2010. They are also planning a WV state festival in the spring.

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## **Our New Members**

*(by District)*

### **Delaware**

Sara Lynne Seglem-Hocking,  
Wilmington

### **New Jersey**

Mary L. Mindas, Bordentown  
Lauren Athey-Janka, Mount Royal  
Elaine G. Foulides, Somerset  
Carol Reingold, Maplewood  
Kaitlin Manca, Boonton  
Deborah Fennelly, Morristown  
Donna Balson, Roosevelt  
Martha Howard, Cherry Hill  
Maria Mazzola, Montville  
Alyssa Ronco, Rutherford  
Rebecca Siler, Haddon Township  
Rachel Menconi, Montvale  
Charity Dela Cruz Fondevilla,  
Palisades Park  
Trineice Robinson-Martin,  
Lawrenceville  
Jennifer Gursky, Annandale

### **New York**

Kelly Cae Hogan, New York  
Carlos Conde, New York  
Susan Hermance-Fedak, Albany  
Tamara S. Cashour, New York  
Nova R. Thomas, New York  
Amy Cheifetz, Long Island City  
John Banks, Bronx  
Amy Teal, Lewistown  
Perry Beckman, Woodstock  
Suzanne Grant, New York  
Shinobu Takagi, Fredonia  
Tammy Hensrud, Valley Stream  
Jonathan English, Syracuse  
Douglas McCall, Baldwinsville  
Joan Floriano, Penfield  
William Wesbrooks, New York  
Dan Lawler, New York  
Marc Webster, Dryden  
Katie Tabon, Rochester  
Allison Devery, Plattsburgh  
Tyley Ross, Brooklyn  
Justin Stoney, New York  
Valerie Saalbach, New York

### **Pennsylvania**

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Sara Rodriguez, State College  
Joseph Baunoch, Indiana  
Jeffry B. Johnson, Wexford  
Barbara Nyce, Brookhaven  
Teresa Moyer, Conshohocken  
Kathleen Nisley, Camp Hill  
Jennifer Little, Glenside  
Ian Howell, Philadelphia  
Amelia Rollings, University Park  
Lisa Wilson DeNolfo, Bryn Mawr  
Emily Lapisardi, Brownsville  
Richard Zuch, Paoli  
Jennifer Miller, Pittsburgh

### **Quebec**

Caroline Holden, Montreal  
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The Eastern Region website has been redesigned. Be sure to check for updates...  
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