

**NATS Arkansas Chapter
Conference and Student Auditions
February 24-25 at UCA**

President's Call and Schedule

Dear Arkansas NATS colleagues,

You are invited to attend our annual conference and student auditions at The University of Central Arkansas in Conway on February 24-25, 2012. Please mark your calendars and make plans to be with us. UCA with its central location, good facilities, and great faculty will once again be welcoming hosts to the auditions. I hope to see you all there!

All conference-related documents are or soon will be posted online at www.natssouthern.com. Click the Arkansas chapter link and you're there! Print all of the information that you expect to use. We will not be providing much paper! Please observe the January 30th registration deadline.

Due to the participation of many schools in the Arkansas Symphony's production of Beethoven's 9th, there will be no guest artist recital on Friday evening. Instead, UCA is planning on showing the documentary "The Auditions" which chronicles the 2006 Met auditions. In order to determine what size venue is needed for the movie, the faculty at UCA has asked me to find out which schools are planning on performing with the symphony, and which are not. If you are affiliated with an institution, will you send me back an e-mail to let me know what your school is intending to do. Thanks!

On Saturday morning, conductor and collaborative accompanist Louis Menendez will present a masterclass. You will find applications for this masterclass on the website.

The following is our anticipated schedule for the conference and student auditions. If the numbers of entries warrant it, we may need to start earlier on Friday. Please make sure and check the website for the official schedule prior to the auditions.

Schedule

(All times are approximate. Check website for exact times and locations)

Friday, February 24

9:30	Registration
10:00	Meeting of judges
10:30-12:00	Preliminary round auditions
12:00-1:30	Member luncheon
1:30-4:00	Preliminary round auditions
7:00	Viewing of "The Audition"

Saturday, February 25

8:00	Business meeting
9:00-10:30	Semifinal round auditions—rooms TBA
10:30-12:00	Louis Menendez master class
12:00-1:00	Member box lunch
1:00	Final round auditions and awards ceremony—room TBA

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THANKS! Jon