



To: Louisiana Chapter NATS Members

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RE: 2012 Spring Student Auditions

The Louisiana Chapter 2012 Spring Meeting and Student Auditions will be held on Saturday, March 10 at Nicholls State University in Thibodaux, LA. All forms that you will need to complete and submit in order to register yourself and your students are posted on the Louisiana Chapter Page of the NATS Southern Region Website at <http://natssouthern.com>. If you have any questions, especially if you are a new member to the chapter, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Please note the following:

1. The deadline for a postmarked or faxed submission is **Wednesday, February 29.**

The fax submissions should go to: Michele Martin
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with an immediate follow-up check for all fees mailed to the above address.

2. It is important that you attend in order to ensure that there are enough judges to cover all categories and supply the appropriate comment sheets for the student participants.

If you cannot attend, you are encouraged to support the chapter auditions by registering for the conference. Your registration fee will assist in paying the student winners' monetary prizes.

3. If you need an accompanist for your students, you must send the appropriate forms **and music** with your registration materials as indicated on the Accompanist Request Form. Please note the cancellation policy on the form.

4. The teacher fee is \$ 20.00 and the student fee is \$ 10.00 (per category). Please remember, by participating you are acknowledging that you have paid your 2012 NATS National Membership fees. Lunch expenses will be paid by each member separately on the day of the auditions.
5. **It is essential that you read the Louisiana Chapter Addendum to the current Regional Rules Auditions Booklet posted. This brief document, which has been placed on the chapter auditions webpage, will outline a couple of recently approved changes to repertoire requirements and student classifications and explain the two-round process that we are utilizing. Please become familiar with this material as well as the regional rules booklet which is posted on the Region's Conference Webpage.**

At this spring meeting, a Louisiana Chapter Auditions Booklet will be reviewed and voted upon by the chapter members. A draft copy will be sent to you by email later in February so that you will have time to consider its contents.

6. Students **must** have the original music for their vocal selections with them in the audition room. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
7. In order to avoid problems, check each of your student's registration forms for accuracy of classification, age, number of semesters of vocal study, and repertory listings.
8. The Preliminary Round Repertoire and Judging Sheets are posted on the web page. Each student singer must bring **three completed sheets** to their audition to distribute to the judges.
9. Specific information concerning motel accommodations, restaurant information, directions to the university, and members' lunch plans will be posted on the website in early February. Your students should be prepared to eat lunch without you since the chapter meeting will be held during the lunch break.
10. **Tentative Schedule: Saturday, March 10.**

8:30 a.m.	Judges' Meeting
9:00 a.m.	First Round Auditions
12:15 p.m.	Lunch/Chapter Meeting
1:30 p.m.	Final Round Auditions
2:30 p.m.	NATSAA Competition
After 3:30 p.m.	Awards announcement

A finalized schedule will be posted on the auditions' website once it is set.

Again, don't hesitate to contact me, if you have questions or comments.