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NICHOLLS STATE UNIVERSITY Thibodaux, Louisiana

Greetings NATS Colleagues!

The Department of Music at Nicholls State University is excited to be hosting our state meeting. It is *not* true that you have to really want to go to Thibodaux to get to Thibodaux. Our conference will take place in Talbot Hall (music building) and the newly remodeled Peltier Auditorium located in Peltier Hall. Look forward to a morning round with a final round after our luncheon meeting.

We are extremely pleased that Michele Martin will serve again as Auditions Chair, and 2012 is a NATSAA Competition year. We have four competitors registered. Our thanks to Lisa Maxedon of for taking on this conference responsibility!

Nicholls is located on Louisiana Highway 1, South about 65 miles south of Baton Rouge, 50 miles southwest of New Orleans, and 100 miles southeast of Lafayette. Thibodaux and Houma are twin cities. US Highway 90 (future I-49) runs halfway between the them. Thibodaux has new Hampton Inn and Days Inn properties, a remodeled Quality Inn and a few lesser places to lodge. A Best Western is 10 miles away at the US 90 and LA 24 interchange on the way to Houma. Within 18 miles in Houma are *new* Holiday Inn, Wingate by Wyndham, Courtyard by Marriott, and Howard Johnson properties. There are also the older but still nice Fairfield by Marriott, Microtel, Ramada, Plantation Inn, La Quinta, and Quality Inn (indoor pool and spa).

You and your accompanists will want to know that Nicholls State is now an “All Steinway School,” one of only 135 institutions internationally and the only Louisiana university other than Tulane. We are in possession of 21 instruments with another nine-foot concert grand literally on the way.

Lastly, *please* submit nominees for the office of president-elect, but remember it's always a good idea to check with the person you have in mind. You may even want to nominate yourself. Submit your possible presidents (No debates will be scheduled) to [kenneth.klaus@nicholls.edu](mailto:kenneth.klaus@nicholls.edu)

See you in March! Ken Klaus, *President* Louisiana NATS

