



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF  
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Southern Region

**50th Annual NATS Southern Region  
Conference & Student Auditions  
Southeastern Louisiana University  
November 12<sup>th</sup>–15<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

***Wednesday, November 12th, 2025***

- 6:00pm Executive Board Meeting (Executive Board Members only, self-funded)  
*Cate Street Seafood Station*  
308 S. Cate Street, Hammond, LA 70403
- 8:30pm Southern Region Members Gathering: Cocktail Hour (*self-funded*)  
*Benny's Place*  
204 W. Thomas Street, Hammond, LA 70401

***Thursday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025***

- 7:30am Registration & Fellowship  
Hospitality Room  
*Pottle Music Building Lobby*
- 8:00am Judges Meeting  
*Pottle Auditorium*
- 9:00am–5:00pm Preliminary Round  
*Pottle Music Building*
- 11:00am–12:00pm “Your Music Business Toolkit”  
Lindsay Kate Brown, Louisiana State University  
*Recital Hall – Pottle Music Building Annex*
- 3:00pm–4:00pm “Your Music Business Toolkit”  
Lindsay Kate Brown, Louisiana State University  
*Recital Hall – Pottle Music Building Annex*
- 4:00pm–5:00pm Member Poster Presentation Session & YAP Share  
*“Così fan tutte?—A Study of Character Development through Key Characteristics in the Prima Donna and Soubrette Roles from Four of W.A. Mozart’s Late Italian Operas”*  
Dr. Meg Tsai, Grambling State University  
*Recital Hall Lobby – Pottle Music Building Annex*

7:00pm Guest Artist Recital  
Eric Rieger, Tenor  
*Pottle Auditorium*

8:00pm Arthur Shearin Memorial  
*Pottle Auditorium*

8:15pm Announcement of Semifinalists  
*Pottle Auditorium*

***Friday, November 14th, 2025***

8:00am–9:45am Member Breakfast/Region Board Meeting  
(Region meeting starts at 8:15am)  
*KIVA – Main Room (Teacher Education Center)*

9:45am–10:45am Chapter Meetings  
*KIVA – Various Rooms (Teacher Education Center)*

9:30am–10:00am SNATS Gathering – Donuts & Hanging Out  
*Choir Room (163) – Pottle Music Building*

11:00am–5:00pm Semifinal Round  
*Pottle Music Building*

11:00am–12:00pm Drop-in Masterclass for non-semifinalists CL  
(Collaborative pianist will be provided or bring your own)  
Sandra Moon, Louisiana State University  
*Recital Hall – Pottle Music Building Annex*

12:00pm–1:00pm Drop-in Masterclass for non-semifinalists MT  
(Bring accompaniment tracks)  
Dr. Briana Sosenheimer, Centenary College of Louisiana  
*Recital Hall – Pottle Music Building Annex*

1:00pm–2:00pm Drop-in Masterclass for non-semifinalists CM  
(Bring accompaniment tracks)  
Dr. Kristen Sullivan, Arkansas State University  
*Recital Hall – Pottle Music Building Annex*

1:30pm–3:30pm Member Lecture Presentations  
*Room 119 – Pottle Music Building*

- ◆ 1:30pm–1:55pm  
“*Cross Training the Voice: A lecture recital on navigating through CL, CM, and MT’s common bonds.*”  
D’nissa Hester, Private Studio Owner & Talented Voice for Natchitoches Parish School Board
- ◆ 2:00pm–2:25pm  
“*Practical Application for Finding Balance at the Atlanto-Occipital Joint*”  
Dr. Bonita Bunt, University of Mississippi

- ◆ 2:30pm–2:55pm  
“SOVTE use in American Collegiate Voice Studios”  
Dr. Kristen Sullivan, Arkansas State University
- ◆ 3:00pm–3:25pm  
“Song Selection Secrets: Choosing the Perfect Musical Theatre Audition Rep”  
Phyllis Horridge, Minnesota State University, Mankato/Phyllis & Friends  
Singing Lessons
- 3:30pm–5:00pm      Featured Guest Artist Masterclass  
*Pottle Auditorium*
- 5:00pm–6:00pm      Member Reception Honoring Longtime and Charter Members  
*Choir Room (163) – Pottle Music Building*
- 7:00pm–9:00pm      Southern Region NATSAA Competition  
Charter Members Presentation  
*Pottle Auditorium*
- 9:00pm              Announcement of Finalists  
*Pottle Auditorium*

***Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025 – All Events in Pottle 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, Singing of “An die Musik” & Conference Adjournment***

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