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A Note from the President

Greetings to our Central Florida NATS Community,

It is with pleasure that I pen the second of our Central Florida NATS newsletters. I hope this finds all its recipients well and prospering, as well as relishing those days when the weather is divine.

We have much to celebrate at Central Florida NATS, with many exciting events and opportunities on the horizon. We have launched a website, thanks to the diligence and enthusiasm of our webmaster, Thomas Potter. If you haven't already, please access it and experience all it has to offer. It is replete with information, including upcoming event listings and links to the national website. You're sure to enjoy the brief history of our Central Florida NATS chapter, kindly contributed by Novie Greene and Ed LeRoy, founding officers of our chapter. The site is set up as a resource for you and your students to visit regularly, and will continually be updated.

We have four upcoming event descriptions included in this newsletter, and we are very proud to present them to you. CFL NATS Member Greg Ruffer of the Orlando Chorale and CFCC initiated a collaboration opportunity for a September Master Class with American soprano and master teacher, Ruth Golden. In October, we will bring a Master Class with established international artist Pamela Coburn - who just happens to reside in Winter Park. We have tentatively set a March date for our spring chapter auditions, and wanted you to be aware of the upcoming Schmidt Youth Awards, which will take place at Rollins College in January. Please stay tuned to our website for details as they evolve.

We also hope to organize some less formal get-togethers, such as an evening of "Pavarotti and Popcorn" to view the BBC documentary of Pavarotti's "A Life in Seven Arias." A chapter meeting should also revolve around one of our fall events.

All are encouraged to visit the national site, update your member profiles and join the voluntary teacher data base. It's easily done!

On a personal note, I will be out of commission for a while as I recuperate from heart surgery, so please be patient with the speed of my responses.

Till next time, Happy Singing!



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CFL NATS Upcoming Events



Our NATS Chapter is a busy one.

The following is a list of upcoming events for which we hope you will mark your calendars. It is through your membership and demonstrated interest that CFL NATS is able to provide you and your students with the following enrichment opportunities:

Further details on each of these events will be forthcoming on the [CFL NATS website](#).

Ruth Golden Master Classes

September 16, 2009 [Wednesday] at 7:00 p.m. in the UCF Rehearsal Hall [[Campus Map Link](#)] – co-sponsored by UCF Opera & CFL NATS. Stay tuned to the CFL NATS website for details concerning student participation at this event. Open to the public and free of charge for CFL NATS members.

September 18, 2009 [Friday] at 12:00 [Noon] in Room 4-122 of Central Florida Community College's Fine Arts Building 4 [[Directions to CFCC-Ocala](#)] This Master Class is a CFCC event and will feature 4 students from CFCC. It is free of charge and open to the public.

Direct the C.W. Post Campus of Long Island University, American lyric soprano, Ruth Golden, sang leading roles under or of Vocal Studies at Beverly Sills' administration of New York City Opera from 1985-1991. Having sung at major venues across the US, she also performed extensively abroad, boasts an impressive discography, is an adjudication panelist for the MET National Council Auditions, and a nationally recognized Master Teacher. [[Read more about Ms. Golden](#)]

Pamela Coburn Master Class

October 20, 2009 [Tuesday] at 7:30 p.m. in the John M. Tiedtke Concert Hall within Keene Hall on the Rollins College campus. [[Directions to Rollins College](#)] [[Rollins Campus Map](#)] Participation limited to CFL NATS 2009 active members; stay tuned to the CFL NATS website for student participation details. Open to the public and free of charge for CFL NATS members.

Internationally acclaimed soprano and recording artist, Pamela Coburn, has performed leading roles in many of the major opera houses of Europe, and sung under the baton of some of this generation's most venerated conductors. A former MET National Council winner, Ms. Coburn also won other major international competitions and has an extensive operatic and concert repertory. A former Rollins College instructor, Ms. Coburn is currently Distinguished Professor at DePauw University, her undergraduate alma mater. [[Read more about Ms. Coburn](#)]

Schmidt Youth Vocal Competition at Rollins College

January 9, 2010 [Saturday] in the John M. Tiedtke Concert Hall within Keene Hall on the Rollins College campus. [[Directions to Rollins College](#)] [[Rollins Campus Map](#)]

A high school vocal competition geared to accomplished sophomore, junior and senior solo singers, the Schmidt Competition awards more than \$5,000 to its winners and offers a one-hour public Master Class within its framework. Originating in Indiana, the competition has expanded to include California, Florida, Kentucky, Ohio and Tennessee. To learn more, visit <http://www.schmidtfoundation.org/competition/>

Central Florida NATS Chapter Auditions

Saturday, March 6, 2010 [Saturday] – tentative date – at Rollins College [Keene Hall]

The annual CFL NATS chapter auditions are tentatively scheduled for this date, which occurs on the first Saturday of Spring Break for many of our area colleges/universities.



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Sad News

Central Florida NATS mourns the death of Richard Miller, who died on Tuesday, May 5, 2009. [\[Read More\]](#)

Supporting National NATS Through Our Partners

Many NATS members regularly purchase products through Amazon, Virtual Sheet Music, or Sheet Music Plus. NATS has entered agreements with these vendors to provide support to NATS when you access their site through the links on the new NATS website and make any purchase. Through these links ANYONE, not just NATS members can help support NATS by first visiting the NATS site and then clicking on the access link. Your students, your family, and your friends who support the arts can now join the network of those supporting the work of NATS in this simple way.

Update Your Member Profile on the NATS website: www.nats.org

Allen Henderson, the NATS executive director, encourages you to access the beautiful new website and update your member profile as well as to make your profile active on the "Find a Teacher" database. Instructions for both of these tasks are located in news articles on the front page of the website. It's a very beneficial resource!

New Website

If you haven't already done so, please take a look at [y]our new website, dedicated to giving you and your students easy access to scheduled events, chapter news, membership information, any necessary forms for student auditions, etc.

The web address is www.CFLNats.org

Please check it out, save it in your bookmarks/favorites, and let us know what you think – we really do want to hear from YOU.

Our Next Newsletter

Feel free to contact any of the chapter officers with suggestions and/or content which you would like to see in the next Newsletter, which will be sent out in September of this year. Please note that we wish to keep the Newsletters to a maximum of two / three pages for a quick-reading update that members are likely to have time to read through as soon as they receive them. Deadline for submissions: August 15, 2009