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## A Note from the President

The academic year has returned, and with it, an abundance of activities! This past week contained two exciting and successful CFLNATS events: a Master Class with soprano Ruth Golden, and a wine & cheese reception/chapter meeting at the home of Kathy Miller where we ratified a proposal to include the Music Theater category in the High School classification for our March 13, 2010 CFLNATS chapter auditions.

The response to Ruth Golden's Master Class, which took place at the UCF Rehearsal Hall on September 16, was glowingly enthusiastic from participants, teachers and audience members alike. Rave reviews of Ruth's warmth and wisdom – and gratitude and delight for the newfound insight and accomplishment which her guidance provided – characterized the participants' feedback.

We eagerly anticipate the upcoming Master Class of soprano Pamela Coburn, which will take place on Tuesday, October 20, at 7:30 p.m. at Rollins College in Tiedtke Concert Hall. The synergistic pairing of Pam's extensive operatic and concert stage career with her teaching experience will undoubtedly provide us with a memorable evening of education and enjoyment. Hope to see you there!

Our CFLNATS chapter membership is growing, and includes private voice teachers, college professors, opera directors, voice health specialists, choir and choral directors, devotees and/or singers of opera, pop, and Music Theater, and published authors who range in age from their 20's through many decades beyond. All share a common desire "to encourage the highest standards of the vocal art and of ethical principles in the teaching of singing..." (Excerpted from the NATS mission statement) They also enjoy sharing ideas and experiences – and food and refreshment!

If you are already a member of NATS and would like to join our chapter, it requires only a \$15 check for annual dues. For more information, visit our membership page at: <http://www.cflnats.org>. If you are engaged in the teaching of singing or a closely related field, and would like to join NATS, the largest professional organization of teachers of singing in the world, you may access the on-line registration page at: [www.nats.org](http://www.nats.org). I'm told by our recently added members that it's easy, and a newly added benefit of membership is the receipt of an annual subscription to Classical Singer Magazine.

Proposed future activities include Yoga and Alexander Technique workshops geared for singers, Vocal Health seminars, more Master Classes with other renowned performers, as well as informal and seasonal get-togethers and more! Join us, and help to influence the teaching of singing in Central Florida!

Look for the new website photo gallery on our website [coming soon].

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:

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

### **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](#)] 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. To learn more, visit <http://www.schmidtfoundation.org/competition/>

### **Florida District NATSAA Auditions**

**February 27, 2010 [Saturday]** – State College of Florida Manatee-Sarasota [[More Information on NATSAA](#)]

### **Central Florida NATS Chapter Auditions**

**Saturday, March 13, 2010 [Saturday]** – at Rollins College [Keene Hall]  
For deadlines, forms, etc., visit our CFL NATS website.

### **Regional NATSAA Auditions**

**March 25, 2010 [Thursday]** – Stetson University – Deland, FL  
[ Contact: [tanderson@lagrange.edu](mailto:tanderson@lagrange.edu) ]

### **Regional Student Auditions**

**March 26-27, 2010 [Friday & Saturday]** – Stetson University – Deland, FL  
[Contact: Craig Maddox [jcmaddox84@aol.com](mailto:jcmaddox84@aol.com) ]

### **NATS Intern Program at Stetson**

**June 8-18, 2010** – Stetson University – Deland, FL [[click here for more information](#)]

## 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 December 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: November 15, 2009