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A Note from the President

Dear Central Florida NATS members and friends,

Almost-summer greetings! As a newsletter is long overdue, it occurred to me to write a newsletter which serves as a "year in review," with an eye to what the future may hold. Upon reflection, it's been QUITE a year, packed with various activities, competitions, and the establishment of a website, a newsletter and an increase in membership. In reverse chronological order:

On April 10, we were privileged to host a Master Class at the downtown Orlando Cathedral Church of St. Luke, featuring Metropolitan Opera soprano, Stella Zambalis. For the benefit of audience and diverse participants, Stella offered both her extensive wisdom and her wit.

Because the Southeastern Regional NATS competition took place at Stetson on March 27, several of our current Central Florida NATS members were able to accompany their students there – and bring home many prizes from the region. CFLNATS members Jane Christeson, Novie Greene, Genelle Koenig and Mary K Wilson were among those whose voice studios boasted SERNATS regional winners. As a substitute judge, I witnessed the incredible talent there, and encourage you to consider attending in the future, both to connect with colleagues from all over the region and to expose your students to the current level of expectations.

Our March 13 Chapter Auditions at Rollins College included 55 students representing 18 teachers with 27 first, second and third place winners in 16 categories – including the inaugural inclusion of high school music theater. The winners' concert revealed the collective talents of our chapter's teachers and students. It was an uplifting day, which included a luncheon chapter meeting.

Previous newsletters (at the website – www.cflnats.org) highlight our fall events: Master Classes with Ruth Golden and Pamela Coburn at UCF and Rollins, respectively – along with a wine & cheese gathering at the home of Kathy Miller where we mixed business and pleasure.

It is not only our students who performed during this last academic year – but we did – A LOT! Central Florida has witnessed the performances of most of our teacher/members. They are too numerous to mention specifically, but we have appeared at the Bob Carr, at the Mad Cow and various other venues, and have directed or performed as soloists with the Bach Festival, the Orlando Philharmonic, the Orlando Chorale, the Messiah Choral Society and in faculty recitals both here and abroad. We've sung art song, oratorio [Beethoven 9, TWO Bach B-minor masses, the Messiah and more], opera, music theater, sacred music, Streisand and about everything in between – or, we've directed the above – or both! Collectively, it's a very talented, versatile and busy group – especially when taking into account the other related professional activities, such as lecturing, adjudicating or performing master classes – along with teaching!

Our students have gained admission and won scholarships to colleges, Schools of Music, conservatories and graduate schools, and at last count, two of our members - Novie Greene and Genelle Koenig - will be attending the national convention in Salt Lake City.

Upcoming, Central Florida NATS hosts the closing reception of the NATS Intern program, at Stetson University, on Thursday, June 17, after the 2:00 p.m. recital. (Our Secretary/Treasurer, Jeremy Hunt, is one of the twelve nationally selected NATS interns.) I hope to see you there, and at the many public events which take place between June 8 and June 17.

We anticipate an Alexander Workshop with Janis Stieber Rous in the late summer. Stay tuned to the events portion of the website [www.cflnats.org/events.htm] for details.

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 are available at www.cfnats.org

NATS Intern Program at Stetson

June 8-17, 2010 – Stetson University – DeLand, FL [www.cfnats.org/2010_Intern_Program_Schedule.htm]

Alexander Technique Workshop with Janice Stieber Rous

Date, Time, and Location: TBD - Link to Janice Stieber Rous' website: www.bodydialogues.com

CFL NATS Chapter Audition Results

WINNERS, CFLNATS CHAPTER AUDITIONS, MARCH 13, 2010, ROLLINS COLLEGE

Category 1 Beginning High School Girls:

1. Ana-Isabel Berio (Kimberly Saunders Randall)
2. Rachel Smith (Barbara Jones)
3. Macy West (Corinne Hunter)

Category 2 Beginning High School Boys:

1. Vincent Valentin (Kimberly Saunders Randall)
2. Alex Ducharme (Lizzy Brannan)

Category 3 Advanced High School Girls:

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2. Allisun Griffiths (Kimberly Saunders Randall)
 2. Jeana Lutz (Genelle Koenig)
 3. Emily Miraglia (Robin Lee Woods)

Category 1MT Beginning High School Music Theater Girls:

2. Kasea Seabrook (Robin Lee Woods)
3. Elizabeth Whitley (Lizzy Brannan)

Category 3MT Advanced High School Music Theater Girls:

1. Emily Miraglia (Robin Lee Woods)
2. Casie Willis (Robin Lee Woods)
3. Bryanna Friedenwald (Lizzy Brannan)

Category 5 First Year College Women:

2. Kristen Nicole Pavic (Carla del Villaggio)
3. Libby Ehrmantraut (Johanna Nordhorn Hunt)

Category 6 First Year College Men:

3. Raul Otero (Alan Gerber)

Category 7 Second Year College Women:

2. Victoria Doyle (Kimberly Saunders Randall)
3. Emma Broming (Julia Foster)

Category 8 Second Year College Men:

2. Cory Caplinger (Kimberly Saunders Randall)
3. David Herndon (Carla del Villaggio)

Category 9 Third Year College Women:

1. Laura Knowles (Julia Foster)

Category 15 Lower Level Adult Women:

1. Sarah Campbell (Alice-Margaret Byerts)
2. April Chase (Alan Gerber)

Category 17 Upper Level Adult Women:

3. Zoe Rosado (Richard Owens)

Category 18 Upper Level Adult Men:

2. Jason Almira (Alan Gerber)

Category 21 Lower Level College Music Theater Women:

2. Renée Lemelin (Carla del Villaggio)

Category 22 Lower Level College Music Theater Men:

2. John Clayton (Alan Gerber)

Category 24 Upper Level College Music Theater Men:

2. Jason Almira (Alan Gerber)

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, 2010