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A Note from the President



With our 2013 Chapter Auditions less than two weeks away, I would like to take this opportunity to write my final newsletter as Central Florida NATS Chapter President – kind of a “State of the Chapter” address.

We have accomplished many things together during my two terms as President, which began in March of 2009, after a year as Vice-President. At the conclusion of those Chapter Auditions, interim President Novie Greene handed me a contact list, and a lot of beautiful NATS stationery, (which will be difficult to relinquish), and my term began. Three months later, I had open-heart surgery to repair my mitral valve, but that didn't stop us from having a fall meeting at which we, led by Lizzy Brannan, implemented Musical Theater categories for high school students, a change which has probably been most instrumental in nearly doubling the number of events in our annual Chapter Auditions.

As a chapter, we should be especially proud of our pivotal role in this past summer's 52nd Annual National Conference - attended by 600 or so teachers of singing from around the world - June 29-July 3, 2012 at the Orlando Renaissance SeaWorld. Our chapter and the Tampa Bay NATS chapter each contributed \$500 and graphic design to join other strong chapters from across the nation to share in convention sponsorship (The national office has invited us to do the same for Boston 2015 ☺).



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Thanks to you and your students' volunteerism, our 50+ volunteers helped to ensure a successful and seamlessly-run national convention. Several of us served on the National Conference Committee: Jeanie Darnell as National Coordinating Committee Chair; I as Site Coordinator; Mary K Wilson as Guest Artist Coordinator; Tampa Bay NATS President, Melodie Dickerson, as Singers/Pianists Coordinator; and Novie Greene as Volunteer-at-Large. Two of our chapter members were honored to present at the convention: Vice President, Claire Hodge, conducted the Deanery Girls & Boys Choir during the Opening Ceremonies; and Novie Greene presented a workshop on Teaching Strategies for the Adolescent Singer. Those of us who participated this summer were enriched intellectually, personally and spiritually by the presentations and the interactions.

Two-term Central Florida NATS Chapter accomplishments include:

- 2012 National NATS Conference in Orlando – co-sponsorship
- Establishment of a Central Florida NATS website [www.cflnats.org] (2009), Facebook profile page & newsletters – with special thanks to Webmaster, Thomas Potter
- Tripling our membership to 40-50 chapter members
- Inclusion of a High School Music Theater Category for our annual Chapter Auditions (2010)
- Institution of a \$50 prize for First-Place Chapter Audition winners (2011) - \$1100 in prize money awarded in 2012
- Creation of a MET District Auditions \$200 Central Florida NATS Encouragement Award (2011, 2012 & 2013)
- Hosting the 2010 NATS Intern Program Closing Reception at Stetson (Secretary/Treasurer, Jeremy Hunt, selected as NATS Intern)
- Three years of Chapter Auditions (2010-2012) – hosted by Julia Foster of Rollins
- Fall Meetings/Get-togethers at various venues

Master Classes/Workshops have included:

- MET judge, Ann Baltz of OperaWorks/CSUNorthridge (2012)
- MET judge, Ruth Golden of City Opera and Long Island University (2009 & 2012)
- "Acting for Singers" UMichigan/former Orlando Opera Director, Robert Swedberg (2011)
- Internationally-renowned soprano, Pamela Coburn, of DePauw University (2009)
- MET Opera soprano, Stella Zambalis (2010)
- Body Dialogue's Janice Stieber Rous in an Alexander Workshop (2010)
- Pavarotti Competition winner and international tenor, Stephen Mark Brown (2013)



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Thank you to two-term Vice President, Claire Hodge, for all of her assistance over these past four years, and to our Secretary/Treasurer, Jeremy Hunt, for all of his dedication, which will continue beyond March 2013! It has been a privilege serving such a fine group of colleagues, and sharing so many wonderful experiences with you and your students, and I look forward to the future success of our chapter.

See you at the Chapter Auditions on March 2, when we elect a new president!

Happy Singing!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kimberly".

CFL NATS Student Auditions Applications due Wednesday, 2/20...



This year's chapter auditions will again take place in Keene Hall on the beautiful [Rollins College campus](#) on Saturday, March 2.

Applications, rules, guidelines, etc., may all be found on the [events page](#) of our website.