



CHICAGONATS

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From our Board President

Dear colleagues,

We hope you are all having a great summer! We are pleased to announce the 2011-2012 CCNATS Board. A big Thank You to retiring board members Linda Ogden Hagen, Marc Embree, and Elizabeth Hale Knox. Bios of current board members can be found on the Leadership page of our website: chicagonats.org.

Sincerely,
Victoria Holland
CCNATS President
victoriaholland@mac.com

Chicago NATS Song Salon

Designed as an opportunity for NATS members to sing for one another in an informal and congenial setting, members are invited to prepare and sing favorite art songs and arias in the spirit of the 19th century Salon.

The Chicago NATS American Song Salon has been rescheduled. Say goodbye to summer with an evening of music from the American Songbook. Bring a song to share from old favorites like Kern or Rodgers or newer composers such as LaChuisa, Bucchino and Guettel and join the fun!

NATS Salon -- The Great American Songbook
Friday August 26, 7-9:30 p.m.
The Fine Arts Building
410 S. Michigan Avenue, Suite 308

RSVP or questions to Beth Ann Swinson (847-826-0410 or SingCrazy@comcast.net).

- Victoria Holland, President
- David Hoffman, Vice President
- Mark Crayton, VP of Competitions
- Tracey Ford, Membership Secretary
- Matthew Ellenwood, Treasurer
- Matthew Chellis
- Robert Heitzinger
- Sarah McIntyre
- Patrice Michaels
- Annie Picard
- Angela Presutti
- Jo Rodenburg



2011-2012 Board Members

Please send your announcements to Tracey Ford at traceyelaine@gmail.com

Upcoming Workshops

Tuesday, July 26th, 2011 11 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Classical Master Class with Karen Brunssen

Wednesday, July 27th, 12 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Musical Theater Seminar & Master Class with
Dr. Rebecca Olthafer

NICNATS in conjunction with Harper College
Present two Master Classes with Karen
Brunssen and Dr. Rebecca Olthafer at Harper
College Performing Arts Center, 1200 W.
Algonquin Road, Palatine IL. For more
information visit: www.northernillinoisnats.org

Dalcroze Workshop

“Discover the music inside of you through
rhythmic movement, aural training and
improvisation.”

Tuesday, Aug. 2, 2011-10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
University of St. Francis in Joliet, IL
Adults \$35; Students \$25
Click [here](#) for the registration form.

Presented by Kathy Thomsen, president,
Dalcroze Society of America. All are welcome,
including music teachers, performers, dancers,
actors and students (high school and older). No
previous Dalcroze experience required.

**For more information or to RSVP call (815)
740-3520.**

**Turk Theater in Moser Performing Arts
Center
University of St. Francis
500 Wilcox Street, Joliet, IL 60435**

To print and share the flyer **click [here](#).**

Singing Opportunities

Sinfonietta Bel Canto (SBS), a volunteer-based,
community orchestra in Downers Grove is still
looking for singers (roles and chorus) for their
upcoming semi-staged production in German of
Lehar's, *The Merry Widow*. If you are interested,
please [click here](#) for more detailed information, or
contact the Music Director, Dan D'Andrea directly
at: 630-322-9187.

**You can learn more about Sinfonietta Bel Canto
by visiting their website at
www.sinfoniettabelcanto.org
or their [Facebook](#) page.**

Merit School of Music

Thanks to a newly-formed partnership with Lyric
Opera of Chicago through its Renée Fleming
Initiative, Merit School of Music is offering solo
voice students exceptional educational
opportunities.

Solo voice students may concentrate on classical
voice training, learning vocal technique through
opera and musical theater, focusing on repertoire
from great operas, musicals and art song. The
tuition-free Conservatory aims to fully prepare
students for the rigor of college academics and
career musicianship.

Patrice Michaels and A J Wester are the Merit
faculty teachers for this rigorous new program. You
can learn more about them at their websites:
www.patricemichaels.com, www.ajwester.com or
contact Patrice Michaels at 920 570.1393
patrice.michaels@gmail.com to learn about
auditions for the tuition free Opera/Musical Theater
Program (High School Freshmen, Sophomores and
Juniors preferred).