



Chicago NATS

FALL 2012

President Welcome!

Happy Fall! I hope you are enjoying this great time of year. As always, autumn is a time of change and we start our new season with a new board. First I want to bid a fond farewell to **Victoria Holland** who has served as our President for the past two years. Vickie is moving on to some exciting projects and we wish her the best. We also say, "Good bye and thank you." to **Angela Presutti** and **Mark Crayton**. Angela has been essential in helping to make many events over the past years run smoothly. Mark has heroically served as our Vice President of Competitions for the past few years which has been a vital position in our competition season. We are happy to announce that **Annie Picard** has assumed the mantle. You will be hearing more from her as we start our preparations for the 2013 competitions. We are also thrilled to announce **Tracey Ford** will be taking over the duties of Vice President.

We are looking forward to an exciting year of events for our chapter. Last weekend we sponsored an informative presentation by **Robert Loewen** from *The Achievement Program* at Vandercook College. Our *High School Audition Workshop* at Elmhurst College is fast approaching and I encourage your students to participate in this event. We have a great panel of knowledgeable presenters and the afternoon will provide valuable information for your students. November will soon be upon us and the *Illinois State Competition* will be an exciting two days. There are several other events in the planning stages so please stay tuned for future announcements.

Congratulations to our **Student Chapter** for completing a successful first year! They have many exciting activities and program planned for their second year. The Student Chapter is a fantastic opportunity for young teachers to start their training and I encourage you to recommend it to all of your students who express any interest in teaching.

If you have information about a workshop or event that you would like to share, please email our new secretary **Erin Matonte** who will be compiling our newsletter and she will include it in our next newsletter.

Be well and enjoy this wonderful autumn season.

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Competition Dates

**Musical Theatre
Competition**

Loyola Academy

Saturday, February 16, 2013

**High School Classical
Competition**

North Park University

Saturday, March 9, 2013

**College Classical
Competition**

TBA

Upcoming Events!!!

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CCNATS High School Audition Workshop

**Saturday, October 27, 2012
2:00-5:00 pm**

Elmhurst College's Buik Hall
190 Prospect Avenue
Elmhurst, IL 60126

Designed for both **high school teachers** and **students**, this **free** event focuses on the components necessary for a successful audition experience.

In the first portion of the workshop, expert panelists will cover various topics, including **"REPERTOIRE CHOICE: Musical Expectations & How to Practice," "IMAGINATION & TAKING RISKS: The Memorable Audition," "THE PIANIST: How to Be Accompanied Well," "PERSONAL PRESENTATION: Acting Well & Looking Good,"** and **"EXTRAS THAT COUNT: Resumes, Picking Schools, Web Presence, Acceptance/Rejection."**

Panelist for this event include Northwestern professor of voice and opera **Karen Brunssen**, Wheaton College voice professor **Sarah Holman**, DePaul University coach **Nicholas Hutchinson**, North Park opera stage director **Matthew Ozawa**, and Roosevelt University voice professor **Mark Crayton**.

The second half of the afternoon will be devoted to collaborative coaching of student volunteers, along with a Q & A session. Handouts with examples of repertoire, monologues, resumes and more will be available at the event. Don't miss this opportunity to enrich yourself and your students! Guests of CCNATS teachers and students are welcome to attend!

ILLINOIS NATS COMPETITION

**Friday, November 2nd, 4:00-8:00 pm
Saturday, November 3rd, 10:00 am-3:00 pm**

Moody Bible Institute
820 North LaSalle Street
Chicago, Illinois 60610

Below is some important information regarding this year's **Illinois NATS Competition!** You may register online at **www.natsauditions.com**. Registration ends on **Friday, October 12th**.

- ▶ You may schedule a rehearsal time with a pianist (\$10 fee for the rehearsals as mentioned in the rules and regulations).
- ▶ Pianists will be assigned to each room. You will find out your pianist after the registration is closed.
- ▶ Please note that staff pianists will be hired for all auditions.

“The Embodied Singer: Improving Vocal Performance through Movement” Workshop

Friday, November 9th — Sunday, November 11th

Chicago College of Performing Arts
430 South Michigan Avenue, Room 1450
Chicago, Illinois 60605

The Collaborative Arts Institute of Chicago is hosting an event which features **Timothy Caldwell**, author of *Expressive Singing: Dalcroze Eurhythmics for Voice*. He will give presentations and a master class focusing on the idea that “your body is your instrument.” Topics include “**Out of Your Head, Into Your Body --The End of the Singing Course,**” “**I Got Rhythm,**” and “**When All Else Fails –Improvise!**”

Please visit www.caichicago.org/fall-workshop-timothy-caldwell.html or www.chicagonats.org for more information!



Below is an announcement from CCSNATS Secretary and Treasurer, Sarah van Loon. Please forward this information to your students! Be sure to check out the details regarding Sarah Holman's Master Class and list of future CCSNATS events on Page 4!

CCSNATS has had a great start to their 2nd season. Our membership base has continued to build and we now have 20 members throughout the Chicago metropolitan area!

Earlier in September we offered a *Life Purpose Workshop*, with a big focus on connecting and understanding their students. Attendees learned a lot of really valuable information and we received lots of great feedback from that event. Coming up in October we're putting on multiple *Singer's Forums* throughout Chicago: **Monday, October 8th** from 7:30--9:00 pm at the Chicago Temple across from Daley Plaza, and **Tuesday, October 30th** from 6:30-8:30 pm at the Harold Washington Library, which includes a lot of focus on preparing for the Illinois NATS Competition at the beginning of November! We're also hosting a *Master Class* with **Sarah Holman** at the Swedish-American Museum on **Sunday, October 28th** from 5:00-7:00 pm. All are welcome to attend!

There are some big plans in the works for CCSNATS in November and December, so make sure to encourage your students to get involved and become members (it's only \$20)! In addition to some Community Outreach and Singer's Forums, we're hosting our very first *Auditionpalooza* in November! It will be a day-long workshop set up as a mock-audition with key people from CSO, Grant Park, and Lyric Opera. This is an incredible opportunity for both student and teachers. Visit our website in coming weeks for more information. In December we're bringing back the ever-popular **Yoga for Singers!** Both events will be open to the public, but only members of CCSNATS and CCNATS will get in for FREE. Be on the look-out for more information about both events and more in the coming weeks!

Please send future announcements to
Erin Matonte at
erinmatonte@gmail.com!

CCSNATS Events Continued...

Singer's Forum at The Chicago Temple
October 8th (7:30-9:30 pm)

Sarah Holman Master Class at the Swedish Museum
October 28th (5:00-7:00 pm)

Outreach Event at Westminster Place
November 11th (7:15 pm)

Auditionpalooza at U of C
November 18th (3:30-8:00 pm)

Yoga for Singers at North Park University
December 15th (4:30-6:30 pm)

Chicago Chapter of Student NATS



Master Class with
Sarah Holman

Swedish American Museum
5211 N. Clark Street Chicago, IL 60601

October 28th, 2013 at 5PM

CCSNATS Members | FREE
Non Members | \$5



Mezzo-Soprano Sarah Holman is a soloist throughout the Midwest. She has appeared with Opera Southwest, Lyric Opera Cleveland, DuPage Opera, Muddy River Opera, Chicago Chamber Opera, City Opera of the Quad Cities, and Kansas Opera. Upcoming performances include Beethoven Mass in C with the Chicago Master Singers and Mahler's Symphony No. 2 with the Lake Forest Symphony. She currently serves as an Associate Professor of voice and opera at Wheaton College Conservatory and is on the Board of Central Region National Association of Teachers of Singing.

For information & registration, go to www.chicagostudentnats.org

Miscellaneous Events

Kathleen Van De Graaff, Illinois NATS Governor, would like CCNATS members to be aware of the following events:

Classical Singer magazine will be sponsoring a workshop on marketing for singers called **Achieving Greatness Workshop**. This **free** event will be held on **October 19th** from 6:00-8:30 pm at Lake Forest College. Visit <http://www.classicalsinger.com/auditionsplus/workshop.php> for more information. *Classical Singer* wants you to register so they will know how many people are coming. Please use these codes to register: student OR nats. You can send that link and free code to whomever you choose.

William Bolcom, Joan Morris, John Musto and Amy Burton will be coming to WFMT Radio in Chicago on **November 10th** from 9:00 am-4:00 pm. They are giving a workshop called **American Song** which will be an entire day of music, lecture, and a Q & A. This is truly a fun way to spend the day!

Music by Charles Ives, George M. Cohan, Irving Berlin, George Gershwin, Rodgers & Hart, Cole Porter, Jerome Kern, Stephen Sondheim, John Musto, William Bolcom, John Wallowitch and others will be highlighted. Both Joan Morris and Amy Burton will sing and John Musto and William Bolcom will play. It will be a wonderful day!

Breakfast and lunch are included. NATS has been given a discount of \$50 on all tickets: \$50 for students, \$100 for others. This will be an amazing day! To reserve tickets you must email Kathleen at domicoproduct@att.net. Unfortunately, they aren't available online.

CCNATS Board Member **Patrice Michaels** will present a recital entitled **Tributaries: Songs from Another Stream** at the Performance Penthouse located in the Logan Center for the Arts at the University of Chicago on **Saturday, October 13th** from 1:30 to 2:15 pm. Please visit <http://loganlaunch.uchicago.edu/> or www.patricemichaels.com for more information.

Karen Bauer's book on a three step kinesthetic approach to vocal technique is now under contract with *Scarecrow Press*. It should come out near the end of 2013. More information will come, including the finalized title!

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