



MDDC NATS



District Governor's Newsletter
FEBRUARY - MARCH 2021

Survival! This word may have a different meaning for each of us. Health and medical issues, finding yourself alone in your home during the Pandemic after the death of a spouse or loved one are just a few of the situations that have challenged aspects of our survival in the world today. It is however in our nature to try to survive.

Our lives changed as we have been forced to fight an invisible foe. An unforgiving enemy that does not discriminate. As performing artist and teachers however we have faced this mysterious entity with creativity and with an enduring sense of survival. Virtual choral performances, master classes, workshops, voice lessons online, student recitals and auditions are currently a part of our survival. Beauty, spirit, and endurance.... we are survivors!

But art is not simply works of art; it is the spirit that knows beauty, that has music in its being and the color of sunsets in its handkerchief; that can dance in a flaming world and make the world dance too." W.E.B. Dubois

Looking Ahead



MDDC NATS Student Auditions

February 15-21 - Repertoire check and re-submission grace period
February 22-26 - Adjudication Period

February 27 - Auditions Workshop: Panel discussion moderated by Cate Frazier-Neely, Results Posting of District Winners, "Honors" Recital presented in a video montage.



Mid-Atlantic Region Conference
Student Auditions and Workshops
March 12-13, 2021

2021 MDDC NATS Student Auditions Workshop

Advocating for Your Voice: It's More Than Proper Technique



Singing Voice Specialist and veteran voice teacher Cate-Frazier Neely will moderate an in-depth discussion focused on vocal health and rehabilitation, the 'evolving' voice, and the particular health challenges singers and voice practitioners face during the global pandemic. Special guest panelists include: Johns Hopkins Laryngologist Dr. Vaninder Dhillon; acclaimed singer, songwriter and owner of The SingerStudio Debbie Kirkland; and Speech-Language Pathologist and NCVS trained Vocologist Claire Ligon.

Saturday, February 27th, 2021
12:00 PM (via Zoom)

FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

For more information and to join the zoom meeting visit www.mddcnats.org.

Grants and Funding for Artists

Maryland State Arts Council, Creativity Grant

<https://www.msac.org/programs/creativity-grants>

Maryland State Arts Council, Grants for Organizations

<https://www.msac.org/programs/grants-organizations>

Maryland State Arts Council, Maryland Touring Grant

<https://www.msac.org/grants/maryland-touring-grant>

Washington DC, Grant Watch

<https://washingtondc.grantwatch.com/cat/2/arts-and-culture-grants.html>

National Endowment for the Arts

<https://www.arts.gov/>

MDDC NATS Membership Team

Lori Sen, Christine Thomas-O'Meally, Brian Lee, Daniel Neer, Devonna B. Rowe

Our Membership Team

Outreach, COVID Relief Identification, Retention, Renewal and Lapsed Memberships

If you have a financial need due to COVID-19 and need assistance with chapter dues, please contact us. This assistance is confidential. Send your request to Devonna B. Rowe, devrowe7@gmail.com.

Thank you, Membership Team.

MDDC NATS Events Committee

Thank you to the MDDC NATS Board of Directors and the Events Committee for the events and activities presented by the organization.

MDDC NATS District Student Auditions

Thank you to Marquita Lister, Vice President for Auditions, Rebecca Bell Echols and the MDDC Board of Directors for making the student auditions possible.

MDDC NATS Facebook Page: Join our Facebook page. Stay connected. Let us know what is going on with you and your students.

