



District Governor's Letter



Our Mission Statement lives at the core of who we are as members of the National Association of Teachers of Singing (NATS). By inviting voice teachers, students, collaborative pianists, educators, arts administrators, voice scientists and others to join NATS, we are indeed promoting the growth of our field. "Our efforts are to encourage the highest standards of the vocal art and of ethical principles in the teaching of singing and to promote vocal education and research at all levels, both for the enrichment of the general public and for the professional advancement of the talented". Members of NATS touch the lives of countless people who benefit

such as students, choral singers and music lovers. By growing NATS membership, we are allowing the power of singing to have more opportunities to transform lives. Guidelines are established by the Association to outline members' ethical duties and obligations to students, to colleagues to the general public, to promote professional cooperation and productive relationships among its members. As voice teachers we have a wonderful opportunity to share our love of music and singing with our students and beyond. On September 22nd three of our members John Wesley Wright, Jennifer Randall, & Brian Lee gave presentations through "MDDC Unleashed" during our Fall Workshop. From business principles, vocal assessment to creative vocal programs in prisons and the community each shared the joy, love and passion within who they are as teachers.

SEPTEMBER 22 - Fall Workshop and Meeting

MDDC NATS Fall Workshop & Membership

**MD ★ DC
NATS**
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
OF TEACHERS OF
SINGING

**MDDC
NATS
Unleashed**
3-5:30 pm

Come hear John Wesley Wright, Jennifer Randall, & Brian Lee talk about what gives passion and joy to their teaching

The workshop and membership meeting will be followed by a social gathering.

Linden Hall
4765 Dooney Hall Dr.
Ellicott City, MD.

I encourage you to join us in the effort to welcome 'All Hands-on Deck' as we move forward with the mission and ethical principles as a guide changing lives through the power of vocal music and the arts.

<https://www.nats.org/code-of-ethics.html>

DEVONNA B. ROWE
DISTRICT GOVERNOR
MDDC NATS

Summer Board Meeting Photo Moment



A complete list of Board Members can be found on our website

<https://www.mddcnats.org/>

NATS and MDDC NATS Events

NATS Artist Awards (NATSAA)

Date: October 11th and 12th

American University
Katzen Arts Center
4400 Massachusetts Ave
NW, Washington, DC 20016

MDDC NATS Collaborative Studio Class

Date: Saturday, October 19th

Time: 10:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Location:

Morgan State University
Carl J. Murphy Fine and
Performing Arts Center
2201 Argonne Drive
Baltimore, MD 21218
Recital Hall located on the
second floor

MDDC NATS Collaborative Studio Class

Peabody Institute of Music

Johns Hopkins University

Date: Friday, November 15th

Time: 1:00 PM – 4:30 PM

Location: Towson Campus
Recital Hall

949 Dulaney Valley Rd,
Towson, MD 21204

Website:

<https://www.mddcnats.org/>



NATS
INTERNATIONAL
AMBASSADORS TO
GERMANY

June 2019

Devonna B. Rowe

Dirk Mürbe, MD guided us through new techniques and research in vocal surgery. We wore 3D glasses to get a closer look at the procedure.

VOCAL PEDAGOGY, EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES AND CULTURAL ENRICHMENT

June of 2019, Devonna Rowe was among several NATS members, from throughout the United States, who represented NATS as International Ambassadors to Germany. The group traveled to Berlin, Leipzig and Dresden. The purpose of the trip was to encourage the exchange of ideas regarding the voice and vocal pedagogy.

For more information about being a NATS International Ambassador visit

International Ambassador Registration Form

[https://www.nats.org/cgi/page.cgi/International_Ambassador_Registration_Form.html, score: 20.5]

NATS for A Lifetime

A showcase of members who have been members of NATS for 25 years or more.

“These stories stand as a tribute to their professional achievements and contributions to their NATS chapters and to their communities. Perhaps their inspiring lives are well-known to their chapter colleagues but are not so well-known beyond these boundaries. These articles are a means of making the general NATS membership aware of these outstanding individuals so that they may, too, find inspiration in their stories.”

https://www.nats.org/NATS_for_a_Lifetime.html

Website:

<https://www.mddcnats.org/>

Events and Opportunities

Master Class

Tracy Cox of the Metropolitan Opera on Oct 06 at 6pm.
Four free slots for students of MDDC NATS members
Students should present an aria, arietta, or song. A fee of \$15
for the accompanist or students can bring their own.
contact: Susanna Barasch at sbarasch@m4arts.org

Location
M Institute for the Arts
1804 T Street NW
Washington, DC 20009
www.m4arts.org
Opera Unplugged

AAMS Voice Competition

for Middle and High School
students

Saturday, October 26, 2019
application deadline Saturday,
October 12th.

visit: www.aamsopera.com, or
write
webmaster@aamsopera.com

Contact: Mira Yang

mirayang@aamsopera.com

2020 NATS National Membership Dues Renewal

October 1 - December 31, 2019
www.nats.org



National Music Theater Competition

The first national competition for music theater soloist seeking the best emerging talent in 2020.

https://www.nats.org/music_theater_competition.html

Website:

<https://www.mddcnats.org/>

Looking Ahead

MDDC District Auditions February 22, 2020 - Registration begins January 2, 2020
Student registration fee for each slot \$25.00

Morgan State University
Carl J. Murphy Fine and
Performing Arts Center
2201 Argonne Drive
Baltimore, MD 21218://

For more information visit <https://www.mddcnats.org/>

Mid Atlantic Regional NATS Student Auditions

March 13-14, 2020

University of South Carolina
813 Assembly St
Columbia, SC 29208

Website https://sc.edu/study/colleges_schools/music/index.php

“All Hands-on Deck”

Page turners are needed to assist our pianists for NATSAA. Volunteers may be needed for other duties as well. Contact Linda Haslach, MDDC President: lindahaslach@gmail.com

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Date: October 11th and 12th. American University, Katzen Arts Center, 4400 Massachusetts Ave NW, Washington, DC 20016

We need “All Hands -on Deck”. If you can help or have a special interest or ability (technology, photography, volunteer for events) let us know. If you have a space to donate for workshops, meetings or events please contact us.

Welcome New MDDC Members: Elizabeth Devito, Stephen Caraccio, Malcolm Willoughby, Jasmine Mays-Robinson, John Wilkins, Rebecca Rossello, Kelly Timko.

Thank you to our Board of Directors and Membership Team Brian Lee (also Facebook), Ethan Watermeier Christine Thomas-O’Meally and web designer Katherine Riddle.

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