



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
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Ohio Chapter

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Dear Ohio NATS colleagues,

The Ohio NATS board met (in person!!) on Monday, August 14, 2023. It was a great opportunity to brainstorm, chat and plan for the upcoming year and beyond. I write today with important information. The Student Auditions will be held at Ohio University on Saturday, October 21, 2023. Vice President Andrea Chenoweth Wells will send a letter or two with more detailed information regarding this year's auditions.

The NATS National organization will be adding new Categories of Entry for 2023-2024. Children and Youth Categories (C&Y) and Commercial Music Categories (CM) and others will be on the docket for NSA Regional and National finals. Click [here](https://www.nats.org) for the full list of categories on the nats.org website. The Ohio NATS Board had engaging and lengthy discussions on which categories to add to the Ohio Fall Auditions to best serve our chapter at this time. VP Wells will send out all of the details in her letter so you can start planning your repertoire!

In addition, a new streamlined and user-friendly registration system, AuditionNow, will be in place for this year's auditions. Stay tuned for more information.

I offer you the following important dates regarding the Student Auditions. Please pass this information on to your students and mark them in your calendars. It is possible the dates below could change as we have yet to receive training on the new registration system.

- Friday, September 15, 2023 – Online registration opens.
- Sunday, October 1, 2023 – Registration closes at 11:00 PM.
- Tuesday, October 17, 2023 – Deadline for repertoire changes
- Saturday, October 21, 2023- 10:00 am Student auditions begin!

We will meet Saturday, April 13, 2024 for our annual Spring Meeting. I will inform you of the details as soon as they are finalized. We have some wonderful ideas in the works!

Heads up!! The Great Lakes Regional Auditions will take place at Western University, London, Ontario, Canada, on March 2, 2024. Travel documents will be required.

Entry into Canada: Canadian law requires that all persons entering Canada carry proof of citizenship and identity. For U.S. citizens, a passport is encouraged but a visa is not required. A birth certificate and one photo identification card may be used; however, a photo identification card by itself is not enough.

Our Board members are committed to supporting the Chapter and the National Organization as new categories and systems are put in place and I am so excited to see how our chapter flourishes under their leadership! Current Board members include: Katherine Jolly, David Sievers, Daniel Stein, Melody Wallace and Misook Yun. Andrea Chenoweth Wells serves as Vice President and gratefully, Tracy Grady continues her position as Secretary-Treasurer and Denise Milner-Howell as our amazing Webmaster. Past Presidents, Beth Porter and Tim Culver, will serve in an advisory capacity as needed. I look forward to seeing you in October. Until then, I wish you all the very best as you enter into a new academic year.

Best to all!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Susan Wallin", is written over a horizontal line.

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