



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
**TEACHERS
OF SINGING**

Ohio Chapter

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Dear Ohio NATS friends and colleagues:

The time has finally arrived where we can meet in person for student auditions! I am beyond thrilled to see you and hear the dulcet sounds of your talented students.

The Fall 2022 Ohio NATS Student Auditions will be held October 21-22 at Baldwin Wallace Conservatory of Music in Berea, Ohio. Marc Weagraff, our on-site host, is already hard at work with his colleagues to make this in person event successful! Online **Registration opens Thursday, September 8, 2022.**

Dues and Active Membership: National and Chapter dues must be paid by **September 21, 2022** for your students to participate in the Fall auditions. Membership is renewable online here: [Renew Your Membership.html](#)

You should have received an email from President Beth Cram Porter with important dates and information regarding the Fall auditions. Below is a brief recap.

- Thursday, September 8, 2022 – Online registration opens.
- Saturday, October 1, 2022 – Registration closes at 11:00 PM.
- Tuesday, October 18, 2022 – Deadline for repertoire changes
- Saturday, October 22, 2022- 10:00 am Student auditions begin!

REGISTRATION AND FEES

1. The student registration fee is \$25.00 per student per category.
2. The teacher registration fee is \$25.00. This includes a light breakfast and lunch.
3. Each teacher may enter up to fifteen (15) students.
4. Staff pianist fee is \$45.00 per student. More information below.
5. \$50.00 is the fee for teachers sending students but cannot attend and judge.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Visit the [Ohio Nats website](#) for further information regarding this year's event.
- Take a few minutes to acquaint yourself with the **Category, Repertoire, Age, and Time Requirements** for the various categories at the link above.
- There are specific guidelines for musical cuts which are described on both the [NATS Copyright Policy page and the National Terminology](#) page.
- You may find additional information on the [NATS Student Auditions Resource](#) page.

ONLINE REGISTRATION: Registration will take place online at www.nats.org.

1. To register login to www.nats.org
2. Before you begin the registration process, be aware that Auditionware does not play well with Safari. Choose a different internet browser like Google Chrome, Firefox, or Microsoft Edge.
3. Log in with the green button on the top right. Your membership standing and paid dues are visible here. You must log in to get to the registration page. If you have forgotten your login/password, they can be retrieved at www.nats.org by clicking "Forgot your login/password?" icon in the upper right corner of the page.
4. Scroll down and click the "NATS Auditions Registration" button. This will take you to the registration website.
5. Click on Register for Audition/Conference? Follow the instructions.

COLLABORATIVE PIANISTS:

- It is crucial that you know the name and contact information of your accompanist **before** you register your students.
- Each pianist may only play for 10 singers.
- If you want to use one of the NATS official Staff pianists, choose "Staff" during the registration process. This will prompt a \$45 fee per student, per category charge which will be added to your registration total cost. If you have one student competing in two categories using a staff pianist for both categories you will be charged $\$45 \times 2 = \90 .
- The pianist fee includes a short rehearsal the day of the competition and the audition.

FRIDAY EVENING MEMBER'S DINNER

In lieu of an organized event on Friday, October 21, the Board is inviting participating members to dine together at a restaurant in Berea. Location TBD. It has been 3 years since we have all been together! This will be a wonderful

opportunity to gather, socialize and reminisce before Saturday's auditions. Each member is responsible for their food and drink expenses.

Below, I have shared several updates/reminders of information from the NSA Regulations committee. This is copied directly from the National Office letter. In addition, please review all attached information to familiarize yourself with these updates.

We welcome new members. Please encourage teachers who are new to Ohio to join NATS and enter students in the competition. The more the merrier!

All the best,



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NSA Updates

- (2022) High School Musical Theatre and Classical categories have been divided into both Lower (First and Second Year) and Upper (Third and Fourth Year)
- (2021) The [American Negro Spiritual Categories](#) are being made available through an anonymous donor's challenge grant. The ANSC will offer three categories: 1. High School, 2. First thru Third Year College Age, and 3. Fourth/Fifth year College Age thru Graduate. Held every other year, the first ANSC will take place in 2021
- (2016) The [Hall Johnson Spirituals Category](#) has been made available through a very generous donation to NATS from the Hall Johnson Estate. The best performance of a Hall Johnson spiritual will earn a \$2000 prize. Held every other year, the next Hall Johnson award will take place in 2022. (This event happened at the National Convention 7/22.)