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Iowa District NATS Resonance

*“My life flows on in
endless song; above
earth’s lamentation, I
catch the sweet though
far-off hymn that hails
a new creation. No
storm can shake my
inmost calm, while to
that Rock I’m clinging.
It finds an echo in my
soul. How can I keep
from singing?”*

Please keep your
thoughts with all our
Iowa NATS members
who are experiencing
flooding and other
difficulties this fall.
May we be a network
of support for one
another.

CENTRAL REGION NATS CONFERENCE AND AUDITIONS

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!!!

Registration deadline is October 10, 2016.

WHEN: Saturday and Sunday, October 29-30, 2016

**WHERE: Voxman School of Music, The University of
Iowa, Iowa City, IA.**

Instructions for registration: Please visit <http://www.centralregionnats.org/> and click the "Registration Begins" icon. From there you will be able to register your students and yourselves for the auditions and conference.

The CRNATS Conference and Auditions at The University of Iowa Voxman School of Music is fast approaching. Please note that the conference will be on a Saturday and Sunday this year. Registration is open from now until October 10, 2016. The registration fee for students and teachers is \$38.00, which is the same as last year. Any students not auditioning can register for the conference and enjoy the activities and events that are planned as a part of the event, which include a Saturday evening master class with Karen Brunssen and Natalia Rivera, performances and presentations, a student poster session, and networking

opportunities with other students and teachers. Teachers should plan to attend the topical breakfast on Sunday, October 30 at 7:30 AM. At the breakfast, several NATS members will lead discussions on a variety of topics. Business meetings will occur immediately following the discussion session, including the distribution of information packets regarding the semi-final rounds. SNATS members are welcome and encouraged to attend the topical breakfast as well for an additional cost of \$8.50.

For hotel information and conference updates, please visit:

<http://www.centralregionnats.org/crnats-conference-and-student-auditions/>

NOTES ON THE CONFERENCE:

1. STUDENT POSTER SESSION: All students of NATS members in the Central Region are invited to submit abstracts for poster presentations that will be a part of the CRNATS Conference and auditions. The submission deadline is September 30, 2016, 11:59 PM. Please submit abstracts electronically to mitra.sadeghpour@uni.edu with the subject line “Student NATS Poster Session.”

2. BOOK AND CD CORNER: If you have a book or CD that you would like featured in the book/CD corner at the conference, please contact Tom Hueber at tom.hueber@wheaton.edu.

CENTRAL REGION GOVERNOR CAROL CHAPMAN:

I want to thank YOU, the teachers who are preparing your students to sing for the auditions! It takes a lot of work to prepare student singers and to make all the arrangements to attend. However, you must agree with me, it is worth it! I know that my students always grow from preparation for the auditions, and they (and I) learn so much from listening to a variety of repertoire sung by singers they would not otherwise have the opportunity to hear. I find it exciting, inspiring, and absolutely necessary for my growth as a teacher. Don't miss it!

DON SIMONSON to be Honored by CRNATS

We will take time at the conference to recognize Donald Simonson for his service to NATS at the local, regional, and national level. We will celebrate his work and tremendous contribution to the organization at the awards ceremony following the finals on Sunday afternoon. Please join in thanking and congratulating him on his many years of service to the NATS organization.

IOWA CHAPTER WEBSITE!

The new website is up and running!

Please do take a moment to enjoy our brand new website! It works like a coupon that saves you time, and time is money! (See what I'm doing here?) The Iowa NATS Website, www.IowaNATS.org, has quick-links to many things including the resources you will need to navigate the upcoming Central Region Auditions. It's very simple, just go to www.IowaNATS.org and click on the Auditions tab, it's all there. Need to figure out repertoire requirements? There are links on the RH side of the Auditions page that takes you straight to the Audition Categories and Regulations.

There is also a new Facebook page, "Iowa NATS". Take a moment and like our page, we will be posting information about upcoming auditions and much more. Please enjoy our new Iowa Chapter resources!

Iowa Chapter Bylaws

While you are looking at the new Iowa Chapter website (www.IowaNATS.org), please take a look at the updated bylaws which will need to be ratified by our chapter members. They are based on the survey that was completed in December 2015 and are now compliant with the National NATS requirements. There is a "BYLAWS" button on the homepage of the website where you can find them and peruse them at your convenience. Discussion of these

revised bylaws will occur at our meeting on October 30 at the CRNATS Conference and Auditions. A vote for approval will occur at a later date so members have ample time to review, understand, and discuss the document.

LEWIS AND CLARK Chapter Auditions

When: Saturday, April 1, 2017

Where: Morningside College in Sioux City

The Lewis and Clark Chapter in Western Iowa will hold chapter auditions this coming spring. Please consider being a part of this event! In order to participate in these auditions, join the Lewis and Clark Chapter if you have not already done so, send your students, and spend a wonderful day in western Iowa hearing some great singing and providing valuable feedback for our students.

Stay tuned for details on other events that are in the works for both the Iowa and Lewis and Clark chapters.

INVITATION FOR SUBMISSIONS

Please view this newsletter as an opportunity for you, our colleagues in Iowa, to present information, research, events, and other items you would like to share with your NATS colleagues throughout our district. The NATS e-newsletter will be sent monthly, and I welcome your submissions as we look to build this document. The due date for submissions will be the 25th of each month so that the newsletter may be sent out no later than the 30th.

Please feel free to contact me if you have ideas for submissions, things you would like included in the newsletter, and any information on events, or articles you would like to see published in this forum. Also, if anyone is willing to help with the assembly and formatting of the newsletter, I would welcome assistance. Thank you for your support and your feedback.

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