

Happy New Year, AlaNATS Members!

The University of South Alabama is looking forward to hosting you for the annual National Association of Teachers of Singing Alabama chapter student auditions on February 19-20, 2010 with the NATSAA competition beginning at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 18<sup>th</sup>. We are pleased and fortunate to have Dr. Thomas Rowell serving as our host and experienced registrar.

You will find the registration information attached. If you have a colleague who does not have access to email or the internet, please download these materials for them. Return your completed forms and fees to Dr. Rowell by the postmark deadline of FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5. Classifications 5-12 will sing on Friday, February 19 and Classifications 1-4 and 13-34 Saturday, February 20. All teachers are required to be available to judge on both days. If you have a conflict, you must arrange for a NATS member in good standing, who is not entering students, to substitute for you.

Our day will begin with a mandatory business meeting (brunch) on Friday, February 19<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. in the Laidlaw Performing Arts Center (room 1230) on campus. You may choose not to eat but you must attend the meeting because we will be instructed concerning judging procedures. At the conclusion of our meeting we will go to the first round of auditions that begin at 1:00 p.m.

Included in this mailing is an accompanist form and a staff accompanist form. Please provide these for your accompanists and return completed forms to Dr. Rowell with your other registration materials. You will find the staff accompanist fees listed on the student application. Singers with staff accompanists will be notified where to meet for rehearsal. All staff accompanists are asked to be available by noon on Friday and 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, and will rehearse with students in the order they arrive at the designated rehearsal rooms.

Here are a few friendly reminders: review the category and repertoire guidelines carefully as you complete your forms especially the newly adopted guidelines for the Music Theatre categories. Be sure to include your e-mail address on your teacher registration form. This will help us to keep the e-mail list current and insures your receipt of the auditions schedule by e-mail.

**Finally, please collect ALL student fees and submit ONE check for the total of the teacher and student registrations, lunch, and staff accompanist fees.** Fees for your own accompanists should not be sent in with your registration. Of course, only AlaNATS members in good standing may enter students in the auditions, so please renew your membership at [www.nats.org](http://www.nats.org)

I look forward to seeing you at the University of South Alabama in February. Best wishes for a successful new year!

Sincerely,

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Attachments