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The North Carolina Chapter

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Greetings North Carolina Chapter of NATS Colleagues,

I hope this letter finds you having enjoyed the summer months. I'd first like to welcome two new NC NATS officers: Secretary Wendy Jones and Webmaster/Social Media Chair Jennifer Bryant Pedersen. There has also been much activity at the National level, resulting in updates and changes abounding. Our Executive Board will (re)emphasize the most important and impactful policies as best we can, but we urge you to review communications from both our Regional Governor Barbara Peters, as well as National-level messages from Executive Director Allen Henderson and others as they occur.

I am especially excited to invite you to this year's auditions and conference events. In November, we return to Meredith College for the Music Theater/CCM event, featuring [Ms. Edrie Means-Weekly](#) from Shenandoah Conservatory, who will present on technical and stylistic issues of MT/CCM performance. In the spring, we'll return to UNC School of the Arts for our Classical event, featuring husband-and-wife team [Danielle Talamantes](#) and [Kerry Wilkerson](#) as our guest clinicians. ***Please note that the fall and spring auditions are both two-day events!***

You should soon expect a letter from our Vice President and Auditions Chair, Ms. Jennifer Seiger, with more information concerning our November Music Theater/CCM event. There were several changes to [audition and repertoire guidelines](#), so we implore you to review those as soon as possible. You're also welcome to visit our [North Carolina NATS Chapter website](#), where you can find the latest information on audition categories and requirements, application procedures and deadlines, and a wealth of other resources.

2017-2018 Events

2018 NATSAA Preliminary Regional Round: October 7-8, 2017 – UNC-Greensboro

Fall 2017 NC NATS Conference and Music Theater/CCM Auditions: November 3-4, 2017 – Meredith College

Hosts: Dr. DeMar Austin Neal, IV and Dr. Jeanie Wozencraft-Ornellas

Guest Clinician: Ms. Edrie Means-Weekly

Spring 2018 NC NATS Conference and Classical Auditions: February 16-17, 2018 – UNC-School of the Arts

Host: Mr. Glenn Siebert

Guest Clinicians: Ms. Danielle Talamantes & Mr. Kerry Wilkerson

Spring 2018 Mid-Atlantic NATS Conference and Auditions: March 16-17, 2018 – Liberty University

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you all for your support and participation, and I look forward to seeing you and your students at our upcoming events!

With best regards,

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