

# NATscape

The Newsletter of  
NATS Ontario Chapter

Summer 2004

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

-Lynn Blaser

President's Message – Lynn Blaser

How the time has flown! It seems like only yesterday that many of us were at the Chapter Auditions. And now, the universities have finished classes & exams and accepted the next crop of freshmen for the fall. But school is still going on and RCM and Conservatory Canada examinations are in full swing. Where does the time go?

Next month, I will be attending the **NATS Convention “Singing and all that Jazz”** in New Orleans. I will be taking lots of notes and will report back to you next fall. Of course, I'm sure that it would take an exceptional convention to equal the presentations of our own in Toronto in 1998 but the program already looks very interesting. Please get in touch with me if you are also attending.

On your behalf, I want to pay tribute to a member who has tirelessly, and almost endlessly, worked in many capacities to keep the Chapter running smoothly and efficiently. **Leslie Jost**, singer & performer, teacher and “administrator *extraordinaire*”, has filled NATS offices - Treasurer, District Governor and perennial advisor on bylaws, procedures and Auditions - since at least 1995 when I joined NATS. She answered hundreds of my questions about the Auditions when I began and has continued to offer her wise counsel in the Executive as Treasurer. Her keeping of the Chapter accounts has been impeccable and her calmness and organizational ability contributed hugely to the success of the ever-expanding Chapter Auditions.

Leslie has been on the Executive for so long, that she is now ineligible to hold any of the offices – or she would have been asked to continue! Please join me in expressing the gratitude and thanks of the Chapter and Ontario. We hope that you and your

valuable experience will continue to be involved in our Chapter.

## Thank you, Leslie

### New Executive

At the March General Meeting, the election of the Chapter Executive was held. Most officers were willing to stand again so there is only one change. We welcome **Kimberley Briggs** who has taken on the office of Treasurer. Congratulations & best wishes for happiness to Kim on her recent marriage.

President	Lynn Blaser
Vice President Membership	Barbara Dunn-Prosser
Vice Presidents Special Projects	Michelyn Wright
	Christopher Foley
Secretary	Sharon Poelstra
Treasurer	Kimberley Briggs

Please contact any of the Executive with your ideas for workshops or programs, and with any questions you might have. We especially welcome calls from members who want to get involved with some area of the Chapter activities. See the Auditions & Programs section below.

### Chapter Auditions

We have been trying to expand the participation of both singers and teachers, and this year was a case of “be careful what you wish for”. Without a huge expansion of the Chapter membership, the number of entries almost doubled! Fortunately, the number of teacher/members participating also grew and some members, without their own singers entered, also participated. We were able to run 8 rooms of auditions simultaneously and must plan to do that from now on.

Plans are underway for next March at the University of Western Ontario but this has become such a large project, that the previous format of having a Chair & small committee must change. More people need to become involved so that no one or two people have the whole responsibility and burden. Without more participants in the planning and preparation, the Auditions will not be possible. The Executive should not run the Chapter Auditions for the members: the members must be active in running the auditions. Now, in which of these areas will you help ?

### **Auditions Committee**

**VP Special Projects** will be involved in some or all areas of the project.

**Room booker/local contact:** at the university or school

- \* books rooms & tries for free or lowest, most discounted rental
- \* helps Co-ordinator book Official Accompanists as needed
- \* helps co-ordinator arrange
- \* creates signs for main doors & to direct traffic on the day

**Co-ordinator: Skills needed: mostly organizational**

- \* ensures rooms are booked well in advance (10-12 months)
- \* works with Local Contact to arrange snack bar if possible
- \* helps Local Contact book Official Accompanists as needed
- \* arranges NATS members, students or other volunteers to be at the Reception Desk in AM before & during the General Meeting and later to check in & direct singers etc.
- \* prepare Judges packages with Registrar
- \* assists in tabulation as categories end & at Final Round
- \* presides at the Award presentations of Final Round

**Registrar: Skills: needs computer skills to enter data & send by e-mail**

- \* Edits all entry forms to change dates & locations on as info received from Executive & Co-ordinator
- \* receives mailed-in entries & keeps track of money
- \* logs entries onto the computer
- \* sends the final entry list & judges to Scheduler
- \* prepare Certificates from Computer program, based on entries
- \* prepare Judges packages with Co-ordinator
- \* prepares forms to post winners & Final Round ballots /program
- \* sends out any uncollected certificates, cheques & Adjudications

**Scheduler: Skills: attention to detail – the shortest job but very intense**

- \* uses the NATS formula to schedule categories & judges & pianists - must check that pianists & judges aren't double-booked & no member judges his/her own student.
- do not split categories under 18-20 singers (Not enough judges & too many singers in Final Round)

In addition, the **Treasurer** will prepare cheques to pay space rental & costs, for Scholarships & prizes, based on Entries and Final Round prizes.

Some other changes are being proposed:

**Non-Participating member:**

1 - 5 students	\$25
6- 10 students	\$50
11 - 15 students	\$75 (maximum)

This is more closely in line with the Regional Auditions where the Non-Participating member fees are US \$20 per student to a maximum of \$75 US.

**Official Accompanists:** 1<sup>st</sup> round: \$ 30  
Final Round: \$15

**Entry deadline will be earlier.** The Scheduler needs 5 - 6 weeks ahead of the Auditions Date to create the schedule and notify teachers.

### **PROGRAMS**

### **FALL GENERAL MEETING & WORKSHOP**

The **Fall General Meeting** will take place in October – date not yet fixed. We have asked Mary Enid Haines, Dr. Jennifer Anderson and Gwen Merrick to present their workshop “**Vocal Care and Health**” which they graciously allowed us to postpone last March. The date will be announced later as it depends on the availability of the presenters.

The Fall Meeting is usually a **Sunday afternoon** & would be followed by the workshop. Would a **Saturday afternoon** be possible for you or not? Please e-mail your preference to l.blaser@utoronto.ca

Because nearly 300 people would have attended this workshop last spring, we are looking for a venue that is large enough for that number. We plan to **have tickets for you and your students ordered and paid for ahead of time** so that your seat is assured.

**The venue:** we’d like to make it easy for people from the Toronto and London areas (and all in between them) to attend. Are there any schools or churches in the Mississauga, Brampton or Guelph area that we could use for a few hours? Please contact Lynn Blaser or Christopher Foley **as soon as possible**.

Here’s wishing you a wonderful summer. May all your singers remember everything you have told them about how to sing well and give their best performance in their recitals and examinations!

**TREASURER'S REPORT-** Leslie Jost

It has been a great pleasure serving on the executive committee of NATS – Ontario Chapter as treasurer these last several years. Thanks to all for you help and support, especially Lynn Blaser, Joan Heels, and Darryl Edwards. I wish Kimberley Briggs all the best as she learns a new financial tune.

Administrative Account Balance March 2004  
\$9474.02

Receipts:	
Membership fees	\$770.00
Student Auditions	\$210.04
S/C reimbursement	\$ 5.00
Uncashed cheque	\$ 14.83

Money from Great Lakes Region	\$655.25
Bank interest	\$ 1.61
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$11,130.75</b>

Disbursements:

Student Auditions:	\$1375.04
Postage	\$142.06
Printing & Photocopying	\$31.10
Stationary and Supplies	\$43.38
Transfers to scholarship fund for NATSSA	\$400.00
Transfers to Scholarship fund for Ontario Auditions	\$2300.00
NATSSA expenses	\$911.04
Bank service charges	\$5.00
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>\$5208.62</b>

**Balance May 31 2004** **\$5922.13**

Bursary and Scholarship Account

Balance March 1 2004	\$1695.30
Receipts:	
Donations	\$100.00
Chapter Concert Receipts	\$240.00
Transfer from Admin.Account Ont. Aud.	\$2300.00
Transfer from Admin Account NATSSA	\$400.00
Voided Cheque	\$20.00
Bank interest	.17
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$3060.10</b>
	\$4755.40

Disbursements:	
Awards, Ont. Aud.	\$3560.00
NATSSA Scholarships	400.00
Supplies(chèques)	26.13
<b>Total disbursements</b>	<b>\$3986.10</b>

**Balance May 31, 2004** **\$769.34**

Respectfully submitted, Leslie Jost

**VP MEMBERSHIP – Barbara Dunn Prosser**

As of June 2004 our chapter has 71 paid up members.

## **RESULTS: MARCH 2004 STUDENT AUDITIONS**

Congratulations to all students participating in the March auditions. The results are as follows with teachers' names in parenthesis. 1<sup>st</sup> place winners received \$60.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> place, \$40.00 and 3<sup>rd</sup> place, \$20.00

12-14 Girls and Boys A1: 1<sup>st</sup> Samantha Taylor, (Ilic) 2<sup>nd</sup> Taylor Prost (Ilic) 3<sup>rd</sup> Zoe Band (Tetreau)

12-14 Girls and Boys A2: 1<sup>st</sup> Anna Betka (Tomlin) 2<sup>nd</sup> Joh Bowes (Ilic) 3<sup>rd</sup> Emily Scholl (Woods)

14-16 High School Women 1A: 1st Sarah Parkin (Ilic) 2nd Sara Papini (Golsband) 3rd Megan Rosart (Hutton)

14-16 High School Women 1B: 1st Mindy Perlmutter (Higgin) 2nd Amanda Bel (Ilic) 3rd Amanda Wilhelm (Dunn-Prosser)

14-16 High School Men: 1<sup>st</sup> Conlin Delbaere-Sawchuk (Sherman) 2<sup>nd</sup> Alex Crowther (Ilic) 3rd Devon Dickinson (Ilic)

17-19 High School Women 3A: 1<sup>st</sup> Julia Barber (Wright) 2<sup>nd</sup> Megan Kingsbury (Ilic) 3<sup>rd</sup> Erica Warder (Woods)

17-19 High School Women 3B: 1st Ashley Thouret (MacPhail) 2nd Vania Margani (Higgin) 3rd Hillary Coote (Ilic)

17-19 High School Men: 1<sup>st</sup> Salvatore Gambino (Harmsworth) 2nd Adam Micell (Ilic)

1<sup>st</sup> yr. University Women 5A: 1<sup>st</sup> Brynne McLeod (MacPhail) 2<sup>nd</sup> Charlotte Burrage (Edwards) 3<sup>rd</sup> Laura Klassen (Bentley)

1<sup>st</sup> yr. University Women 5B: 1st Megan Heller (Barnes) 2nd Mireille Asselin (Sherman) 3rd Eugenia Dermentzidis (Chiles)

1<sup>st</sup> yr. University Men: 1<sup>st</sup> Cian Horrobin (Edwards) 2<sup>nd</sup> Jeffrey Newberry (Barnes) 3<sup>rd</sup> Nathaniel Wiseman (Lichti)

2<sup>nd</sup> yr. University Women 7A: 1<sup>st</sup> Lucia Cesaroni (Edwards) 2<sup>nd</sup> Amber Braid (Sherman) 3<sup>rd</sup> Ashleigh Semkiw (Tomlin)

2<sup>nd</sup> yr. University Women 7B: 1st Brenna Conrad (Barnes) 2nd Stephanie Mueller (Bentley) 3rd Ruth Dowdell (Tomlin)

2<sup>nd</sup> yr. University Men: 1<sup>st</sup> Jonathan Estabrooks (Edwards) 2<sup>nd</sup> Jamie Hoffman (Bogle) 3<sup>rd</sup> Austin Larusson (MacDonald)

3<sup>rd</sup> yr. University Women: 1<sup>st</sup> Lisa Dimaria (Morrison) 2<sup>nd</sup> Rebekah Sutherland (Reimer) 3<sup>rd</sup> Farah Hack (MacPhail)

3<sup>rd</sup> yr. University Men: 1st Stephen Hegedus (Edwards) 2<sup>nd</sup> Richard Iannello (MacDonald) 3<sup>rd</sup> Joseph Angelo (Bentley)

4<sup>th</sup> yr. University Women 1<sup>st</sup> Erin Morgan (Barnes) 2<sup>nd</sup> Melissa Davis (Robbin) 3<sup>rd</sup> Laura Albino (Edwards)

4<sup>th</sup> yr. University Men: 1<sup>st</sup> Jordan A. Travis (Barnes) 2<sup>nd</sup> Mike Uloth (Lichti) 3<sup>rd</sup> Michael Adair (Bentley)

Post-Grad Advanced Female 13A: 1<sup>st</sup> Michelle Simmons (MacDonald) 2<sup>nd</sup> Myoung Ryal Lee (Bogle) 3<sup>rd</sup> Bridget Hogan (Henrikson)

Post-Grad. Advanced Female 13B 1st Stacie Carmona (Bentley) 2nd Deanna Hendricks (Sherman) 3rd Catherine Lippett-Erickson (Fallis)

Post-Grad. Advanced Male: 1st Michael J. Holdener (MacDonald) 2nd Sasha Baraligia (Edwards)

Mature Beginner (less than 2 years study): 1<sup>st</sup> Megan Alexander (Martinez) 2nd Irene Athanasiou (Wright) 3rd Fiona Roulston (Higgin)

Mature (more than 2 years study) 16A: 1<sup>st</sup> Mi-Young Eom (Bogle) 2<sup>nd</sup> Denise Gabrielson (Martinez) 3<sup>rd</sup> Cara Adams (Fallis)

Mature (more than 2 years study) 16B: 1st Julia Fong (Yu) 2nd Louisa Cowie (Golsband) 3rd Catherine Affleck (Bogle)

Joan B. Heels Award (\$200.00 donated by Dr. Joan Heels): Salvatore Gambino (Harmsworth)

Jr. University (\$100.00 donated by Lynn Blaser): Lucia Cesaroni (Edwards)

Helen Simmie Memorial (\$200.00 donated by Judy Harmsworth): Lisa Dimaria (Morrison)

Advanced (\$100.00 donated by Mary Lou Fallis): Stacie Carmona (Bentley)

Mature (\$100.00 donated by Torin Chiles): Julia Fong (Yu)

The following NATS members made 1st place awards donations: Joyce Hutton: 12-14 yrs. Girls and Boys, Leslie Jost : 12-14yrs. Girls and Boys (in memory of Grace Taylor), Donna Sherman: 1st Yr. Univ. Women 5A and 5B) Glynn Evans: 1st yr. Univ. Men, Lorna MacDonald: 2nd yr. Univ. Women 7A and 7B, Norma Tetreau: 2nd yr. Univ. Men and 3rd yr. Univ. Women (in memory of Ann and Dan Lewicki) Catherine Robbin: 3rd yr. Univ. Men Michelyn Wright: 4th yr. Univ. Women. Barbara Collier: 4th yr. Univ. Men.

A total of \$3,560 was presented in awards. My apologies if any names are incorrectly spelled.

**NATSSA NEWS** – Darryl Edwards

Giles Tomkins was the judges' unanimous choice as winner of the NATSAA Great Lakes Regional Competition on Saturday, April 24th in Albion, Michigan. The participating singers included the winners from the Preliminary Rounds throughout the Region, which is comprised of Ontario, Michigan, Ohio, and Indiana. We are also pleased to announce that Lauren Segal was chosen as the second alternate in the competition. This means that singers from the Ontario Chapter took two of the top three spots in the Regional Competition. Congratulations to these singers and their teachers! Giles will be representing us at the NATS Convention this July 8th-12th in New Orleans. You may now want to include Louisiana in your summer plans!

The judges of the Ontario Chapter/District Preliminary Round of the NATSAA Competition (NATS Artist Awards) were (from L to R): Torin Chiles, Catherine Robbin, Deborah Jeans, Helen Yu.

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