

## **NATS ONTARIO CHAPTER STUDENT AUDITIONS 2009**

Dear Ontario Chapter Member & Friends:

The 2009 NATS Ontario Chapter STUDENT AUDITIONS will be held on **Saturday, NOVEMBER 21, 2009.**

**Department of Music, Faculty of Fine Arts, York University**

**In the Accolade Building & Tribute Communities Recital Hall** (look for building #92, on the corner of Fine Arts Rd. and Ian Mac Donald Blvd.)

<http://www.yorku.ca/yorkweb/maps/keele.htm>

- 1. The Auditions will be held on ONE DAY ONLY, including the Final Concert**
- 2. The auditions will begin in the morning immediately following the General Meeting**
- 3. The FINAL ROUND: ONLY SINGERS PLACING FIRST IN THEIR PRELIMINARY ROUND** will sing in the Final Round, competing for the "Outstanding Singer" award in each age group or educational level (Young Singer, High School, Junior College, Senior College and Mature Singers). (If a large category must be divided into 2 sections, then the 1<sup>st</sup> ranked singer from each section will sing in the Final Round)

### **New Photocopy Policies in Effect**

**No photocopies will be permitted in the Audition Room. Pianists MUST play from original scores. (Please download new Nats photocopy policy: [www.natsontario.org](http://www.natsontario.org)) Adjudicators may NOT ask for a 2<sup>nd</sup> original copy.**

**The regulation that pianists may not play for more than SEVEN singers will be strictly adhered to in these auditions. Please confirm your students' pianists have not exceeded this limit.**

**This is also your notice of the November Fall General Meeting of NATS Ontario Chapter.**

**The Chapter General Meeting will be held in Room 235 of the Accolade Building at 10am sharp.**

Please come to attend the meeting and judge the Auditions, **even** if you do not have students entered in any categories. Unless a quorum is present, no business can be transacted.

Applications **must be POSTMARKED Friday, Oct. 2, 2009** or earlier. (Please note, **your NATS National & Chapter dues must be paid for this year** for you to enter students in the Auditions at the "Chapter fees" level for you and your students. Teachers who are not NATS Chapter members and their students must pay the appropriate fees to enter – see Teacher & Student Forms.)

**REGISTRATION and rehearsals with official accompanists** will be held on Saturday beginning at **9AM**. The Registration Desk will be located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Accolade Building, accessed by the main elevators.

It is most important that **ALL THOSE JUDGING** attend this meeting to collect Judges' Packages and review procedures for auditions. **FIRST ROUND AUDITIONS** will begin immediately.

**Please supervise your students' application process**, making sure that each student fills out the appropriate information. **If a pianist is named for more than the limit of 7 singers** then the last application to arrive must **find another accompanist**. Please check on this with the pianists.

### **Application Forms**

**Please read the forms carefully as new information is now required. (ie. Pianists e-mail and phone #'s)**

Please fill out all forms completely, **photocopying** forms as necessary for each singer. Attach a separate cheque or Money Order in Canadian funds, payable to NATS-Ontario Chapter. (If a student has studied with another teacher within the past eight months, that teacher's name must be listed.)

**Accompanist's name AND E-MAIL ADDRESS is essential** to creating the schedule.

Enclosed are the following which may be photocopied as needed:

**Teacher Registration Form - PLEASE RETURN ONE COPY**

**Student Registration Form - RETURN ONE FORM FOR EACH SINGER**

**Adjudication Form - EACH STUDENT SHOULD RETURN THREE FILLED OUT COPIES** of this form.

**\*\*\*\*All student applications must now be SIGNED by the Teacher to ensure that correct repertoire for each Category has been chosen, that no studio accompanist is playing for more than 7 singers, and the Adjudication Form has been filled in and 3 COPIES are being sent with the entry.\*\*\*\***

**Please do not sign the forms before they are filled in.**

### **Categories**

#### **Rules and Regulations**

All forms and information can be **DOWNLOADED** in pdf format from our website. You and your students can print forms directly from the site.

[www.natsontario.org](http://www.natsontario.org)

**OFFICIAL ACCOMPANIST FEES will be \$50.00 which includes a 20min rehearsal on Saturday morning. A further fee of \$25.00 will be payable if the Official Accompanist plays for the singer in the Final Concert.**

You may use your own pianist throughout. Have your students confirm their accompanist's availability **because \*\*\*\*no pianist may accompany more than SEVEN singers in total\*\*\*\*** to avoid scheduling them in 2 places at once. If you usually share an accompanist with another teacher, please consult with each other to keep to the limit of 7 singers per pianist. This is especially important as we expect to be running 8 rooms of competitions to accommodate anticipated entries.

**Final schedule will be sent to Teachers, not to students. Teachers must inform their students.**

Out of respect for competitors whose entries comply with the postmark deadline of Oct. 2, 2009, **LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED NOR CONSIDERED.**

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**Catherine Robbin – York University On-Site Coordinator**

**Tentative Schedule (Expect changes of times in the final notification)**

**9 AM** or earlier Official Accompanist Rehearsals begin at the Accolade Building.

**10 AM** NATS Ontario Chapter Fall General Meeting

**11:30 AM or earlier**, Auditions begin

**5:30PM** Final Round & Presentation of Scholarships in the **Tribute Communities Recital Hall**