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Hello fellow NATS members. I must start this newsletter by thanking you for your vote of confidence in electing me to a second two-year term as your Regional Governor. I am honored to continue serving you in this capacity. Elected as the Regional Governor-Elect was Leslie Goldberg, the current Massachusetts District Governor. She will assume the governorship in July 2010.

Are you planning to attend the 50<sup>th</sup> NATS National Conference in Nashville? It looks like an outstanding program of workshops and concerts. I hope that many of you will be able to attend. Please send me an e-mail if you are planning to be there. I would like to set up an opportunity for New England attendees to get together.

Reports from the Chapters in our region give evidence of their vitality and the many fine programs that were presented this year. Vocal health seems to have been a topic of particular interest, as well as pedagogy associated with teaching male singers of all ages.

Many song festivals occupied our membership during both the fall and the spring, and well over 600 singers participated in these, a sure sign of the commitment of New England's voice teachers to providing developmental opportunities to their students.

Planning for the next NENATS Summer Conference in 2009 has begun and your input on potential themes and individual topics is vitally important to the creation of a strong conference program. Please take a look at some suggestions already shared with me and feel free to make your own recommendations.

So, enjoy reading about what your NATS colleagues in New England have been doing. And remember to let me know about any of your own NATS achievements or concerns. Have a great summer!

Kathleen Arecchi, Regional Governor

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## Membership News

Current New England NATS membership, all categories, is 405. This is 23 more than at the February 1 deadline for 2008 dues. Chapter officers are continuing to contact the twenty 2007 members who have chosen not to renew their membership. We would like to know if there are ways in which NATS could be better serving their professional needs.

This newsletter is being sent to all the "lapsed" NATS members, too. If you recognize that you simply forgot to renew your NATS membership, it is not too late to do so, and you can take care of it online at [www.nats.org](http://www.nats.org), or you can send an e-mail to the NATS Membership Secretary, Susan Grizzard: [sgrizzard65@aol.com](mailto:sgrizzard65@aol.com), and she will assist you. We would love to welcome you back to NATS.

## Speaking of E-Mail

Please remember to update your e-mail address at [www.nats.org](http://www.nats.org) whenever you make a change in your service provider. The national organization is using e-mail more regularly to communicate with the membership, and given the frequent increases by the U.S. Postal Service, it may become necessary in the near future for NENATS to consider using e-mail to send these newsletters.

## **\*\*News from the Chapters\*\***

### CANADIAN ATLANTIC PROVINCES

**Caroline Schiller, District Governor**

The Atlantic Chapter held the Fall SongFest in November of 2007 at The Chocolate River Conservatory in Dieppe, NB. We had representation of students and teachers from Memorial University of Newfoundland, Mount Allison University, L'Université de Moncton, The Chocolate River Conservatory, our newest members, students and faculty from The University of Prince Edward Island as well as private voice studios in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. The competition was a great success and we are in the process of scheduling next year's event.

With great sadness, we communicate the death of NATS Member *Patricia Lee, Sackville, New Brunswick, Canada.*

## CONNECTICUT

**Margaret Astrup, District Governor**  
**Richard Weidlich, Chapter President**

CT Chapter activities included:  
September 2007-Season Opening, Barbeque in Litchfield and Granby, CT  
November 2007-Vocal Health Presentation with Dr. Carol Gracco at Sacred Heart University  
March 2008-Honors Auditions in New Haven, CT  
April 2008-Honors Auditions Winners Concert, New Haven, CT

## Rhode Island

**Margaret Frasier, District Governor**  
**Flo St. Jean, Chapter President**

RINATS Spring Program, April 19, "Special Topics in Teaching Male Voices"

The program addressed special considerations in teaching male voices including: the changing voice of the young male singer; the male *passaggio* and "covering;" and teaching countertenors, both natural countertenors and falsettists. Clinicians for the program were Vaughn Bryner, Rene de la Garza, and Don St. Jean.

## MASSACHUSETTS

**Leslie Goldberg, District Governor**

### Boston Chapter

**Thomas Enman, Chapter President**

A NEW INITIATIVE:

In 2007-2008 the Boston Chapter sponsored three pedagogy workshops under the series title *Enhancing Your Teaching. Understanding Speech Language Pathology* was presented by Shirley Gherson, SLP, in October 2007. *Teaching Men to Sing* was led by Pamela Harvey, MA, CCC-SLP, with a panel of NATS teachers, in November 2007. The third program was a *Master Class with Mary Saunders* on March 16, 2008. This series of workshops was created by Sarah Whitten, a NATS Young Leader for 2006, and was made possible in part through discretionary funding from NATS. We are proud of this new program series!

### Western MA Chapter

**Devon Bakum, Chapter President**

Western Mass NATS, March 9.

Topic: "Teaching Men to Sing" with clinician Carol Mastrodomenico, who repeated a workshop she gave to Boston NATS - it was a wonderful program and it seems to have caught the interest of our chapter.

## **NEW HAMPSHIRE:**

Peggo Horstmann Hodes, District Governor

### **Granite State Chapter**

Andrea Veal, Chapter President

Vocal Health Workshop, October 13

Andrea Veal, Granite State NATS President

Topics: Anatomy and Physiology of the Voice, Pathology and Voice Hygiene, Effects of Hormones and Medications.

The Vocal Health Workshop was the first event of its kind for Granite State NATS. There were sixteen in attendance, including NATS members, non-members, and voice students. Granite State NATS looks forward to hosting more professional development events like this one. We thank Dr. Emley for a wonderful presentation.

### **NENATS Summer Conference 2009**

In March, I asked the NENATS District and Chapter Officers to give me their ideas regarding holding a Summer Conference in 2009. All who responded were strongly in favor of holding a regional conference in summer 2009, and they liked my suggestion that we investigate holding it in NH, perhaps in the Lakes Region of the state. The Regional Governor is responsible for all the logistical planning for the conference; therefore, holding the conference closer to where I live will facilitate the work leading up to the conference.

Please send me your thoughts on location and possible conference themes and topics. By e-mail is best: karecchi@plymouth.edu. Suggestion received from NENATS officers include:

- Performance strategies beyond technique
- Programming that encourages teachers to bring their students
- A balance of quality programs that represent some aspects of classical voice, contemporary commercial singing, and voice science
- Yoga for Singers
- New repertoire and any new innovations in pedagogy
- Body Mapping

## **Discretionary Funds and NENATS Support**

As you plan your programming for 2008-2009, remember that NATS Discretionary Funds are available to you. You will find the application and guidelines online at [www.nats.org](http://www.nats.org).

NENATS funding may also be available to you, particularly if you need to supply a matching amount in order to qualify for a Discretionary Fund grant. If you need assistance, contact me by e-mail or by phone (see Page 1)

### **SHEET MUSIC PLUS**

Remember: if you order music from *Sheet Music Plus* online via the NENATS website ([www.nats.org/newengland](http://www.nats.org/newengland)), our region receives an 8% commission.

### **\*\*TEMPTING TIDBITS\*\***

- ❖ For those who work with music theatre singers, Hal Leonard has recently published Volume 5 of the Musical Theatre Singers Song Anthology, with a separate volume for each voice type, in the original show keys.
- ❖ Have you checked out any of these websites?
  - [www.ipasource.com](http://www.ipasource.com)...they charge to download.
  - [www.recmusic.org](http://www.recmusic.org)...no fee to download poetic translations of art songs.
  - [www.aria-database.com](http://www.aria-database.com)...no to access information, including some translations, on a considerable number of arias.
  - [www.artsongcentral.com](http://www.artsongcentral.com)...no fee to download PDF files of songs in the public domain...created/maintained by a member of the JMU voice faculty.
  - [www.schubertline.com](http://www.schubertline.com)...this site has been around for a while. Songs can be transposed prior to purchase and download.
  - [www.vocalprocess.co.uk](http://www.vocalprocess.co.uk)...this site has considerable useful information on a variety of topics related to singing and vocal health. You can even download (free) a template to construct a tilting larynx. (I did this with my students; they thought it really helped their understanding.)

**NATS ARTIST AWARD 2008**  
**\*\*New England Region Finals\*\***

On April 20 the NENATS Finals for NATSAA were held in the beautiful concert hall at the Indian Hill Music Center, Littleton, MA, which is conveniently located less than 1 mile from I-495. Judges for the event were past New England Regional Governors, Leslie Holmes and Carl Swanson, David Neiweem (University of VT) and Nancy Ogle (University of Maine), all of whom praised the high caliber performances offered by the six finalists. Also noteworthy was the accomplished and sensitive playing of the collaborative pianists.

**New England NATSAA Winner**



**Emily Jaworski**, soprano, of NH was named the winner of the NENATS Finals and she will represent our region in the NATSAA Semi-Finals in Nashville at the National Conference. A native of Pennsylvania currently residing in NH, she holds a Master of Music in Vocal Performance from Boston University and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Music from Susquehanna University. She is on the faculties of both John Stark Regional High School (NH) and the Concord Community Music School (NH). Since completing her degree at Boston University, Ms Jaworski has studied with NATS member Janice Edwards, who maintains a private studio in Manchester, NH.

Soprano, **Danielle Munsell Howard** of Connecticut, a student of Shirley Emmons Baldwin, was the 1<sup>st</sup> Runner-up. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner-up was NATS member **Lorna Jane Norris**-MA, soprano. The remaining finalists and their sponsoring teachers were: **Holly Cameron**-MA, soprano (Mark St. Laurent), **Sarah Elizabeth Bach**-MA, soprano (Karyl Ryczek), and **Carrie Koslofsky** – RI, soprano (NATS member).

**NATSAA Finalists – New England Region**



Danielle Munsell Howard

Lorna Jane Norris

Emily Jaworski

Holly Cameron

Carrie Koslofsky

Sarah Elizabeth Bach

# New England Song Festival Winners

## Connecticut

### High School 1 Division

- 1<sup>st</sup> Rachel Armour (Marianna Vagnini)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Tamara Almai (Laura Mashburn )  
Raymond Arnold (David Finley)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Madeline Smith (Joanne Scattergood)  
Sara Wright (Beverly Blanchard)

### High School 2 Division

- 1<sup>st</sup> Katie Weiser (Laura Mashburn)  
Sarah Yanovitch (Mary Beth Lee)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Noah Golden (Martha Oneppo)  
Julia Taylor (Maggi Heilweil)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Zachery Lemmon (Gary Sullivan)  
Emily Thiel (Charlotte Scaviola)
- Hon. Men: Cam Keady (Joanne Scattergood)  
Krystal Sobaskie (Sue Mardinly)

### College 1 Division

- 1<sup>st</sup> Caitlin Keeler (Maggie Astrup)  
Karolina Wojteczko (Maggie Astrup)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Joshua Lara (Perry Price)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Anthony La Bruno (Maggie Astrup)
- Hon. Men: Jacqueline Boutote (David Finley)

### College 2 Division

- 1<sup>st</sup> Jennifer Caraluzzi (Maggie Astrup)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Victoria Chiera (Maggie Astrup)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sam Manandhar (Perry Price)
- Hon. Men: Giulia Sanford (Maggie Astrup)  
Hernan Berisso (Perry Price)

## New Hampshire (Granite State Chapter)

### Art Song and Aria:

#### Division II – Lower College

- 1<sup>st</sup> Claire McCahan (Sharon Baker)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Caitlin Baummer (Jenni Cook)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Chris Chagnon (Jenni Cook)

#### Division III – Upper College

- 1<sup>st</sup> Tyler Putnam (Louis Burkot)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Miles Burns (Jenni Cook)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Amal El-Shrafi (Jenni Cook)

## NH-Granite State (cont')

### Music Theatre

#### Division I-High School

- 1<sup>st</sup> Joey Goulart (Kristofer Johnson)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Emily Harmon (Andrea Veal )
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Caitlin Donahue (Michele Henderson)

#### Division II-Lower College

- 1<sup>st</sup> Brady Lynch (Kathleen Arcchi-formerly of Michele Henderson)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Amanda Teneriello (Amanda McLaughlin-formerly of Michele Henderson)

#### Division III-Upper College

- 1<sup>st</sup> Ryan McCall (Dan Perkins)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Andrew Morissey (Amanda McLaughlin)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Rebecca Rudolph (Amanda McLaughlin)

## Maine

### Song Festival:

#### DIVISION I

- 1<sup>st</sup> Jacob Boyce ( David Goulet)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Lynnea Harding (Jaye Churchill)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sydney Kucine(Jaye Churchill)

#### DIVISION II

- 1<sup>st</sup> Kelsey Krull (Bonnie Scarpelli)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Faye Perry (Stella Marie Baumann)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Cathryn Mathews (David Goulet)

#### DIVISION III

- 1<sup>st</sup> Matt Slipp (Judith James)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sarah Howard (Kathleen Grammer)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Schuyler White (Amanda Day)

#### DIVISION IV

- 1<sup>st</sup> Jesslyn Thomas (Ellen Chickering)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Michelle Rawding (Margaret Auger)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> David Delano (Bruce Fithian)

#### DIVISION V

- 1<sup>st</sup> Stephanie Gilbert (Bruce Fithian)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Molly Harmon (Judith James)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Mary Clark (Ellen Chickering)
- 4<sup>th</sup> John Coons (Malcolm Smith)

## Maine (cont')

#### DIVISION VI

- 1<sup>st</sup> Ruth Hartt ( Richard Conrad)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Dominic Rozzi (Ellen Chickering)

3<sup>rd</sup> Daniel Pendergast (Malcolm Smith)

#### **DIVISION VII**

1<sup>st</sup> Cathy Dowling (Susan Brinker)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lawrence Gray (Judith James)

**LINDA FREEMAN PRIZE** - Best French Song  
Jesslyn Thomas (Ellen Chickering)

**NORDICA PRIZE** - Winner will be presented in recital on  
[August 17, 2008](#) at the Nordica Hall  
in Farmington, ME  
Stephanie Gilbert (Bruce Fithian)

#### **Massachusetts Boston Chapter**

#### **Art Song and Aria**

##### **Division 1A**

1<sup>st</sup> Mackenzie Young (Lucille Butler)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Samantha Hankey (Angela Gooch)  
3<sup>rd</sup> Jonathan Mendoza (Andrea Delgiudice)

##### **Division 1B**

1<sup>st</sup> Heather Stebbens (Angela Gooch)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Kathryn Maysek (Angela Gooch)  
Jennifer Grout (Angela Gooch)

##### **Division 2**

1<sup>st</sup> Daniel Ross (Jerrold Pope)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Jamon Maple (Phyllis Hoffman)  
Molly Tucker (Carole Haber)

##### **Division 3**

1<sup>st</sup> Ryan Martinez (Carole Haber)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Liana Guberman (Phyllis Hoffman)  
3<sup>rd</sup> Ariana Valdes (Patty Thom)

##### **Division 4**

1<sup>st</sup> Laura Schofner (Tom Enman)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Megan Nelson (Kevin Wilson)  
3<sup>rd</sup> Jonelyn Langenstein (Carole Haber)

##### **Division 5**

1<sup>st</sup> Sara Bielanski (Penny Bitzas)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Marian Rambelle (Pamela Wolfe)  
3<sup>rd</sup> Christine Teeters (Kevin Wilson)  
4<sup>th</sup> Marie McCarville (Carole Haber)

#### **Division Avocational**

1<sup>st</sup> Glenda Landavazo (Murray Kidd)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Michael Belle (Janice Edwards)  
3<sup>rd</sup> Deborah Krause (Mark Lee)

#### **Musical Theatre**

##### **Division 1A**

Rebecca Nason (Sandra Nason)  
Kate Moskowitz (Judith James)  
Victoria Waldron (Linda Hossfeld)

##### **Division 1B**

Sara Deviney (Donna Lombardo)  
Samara Oster (Angela Gooch)  
Matthew Slipp (Judith James)

##### **Division 2**

Brady Lynch (Kathleen Arecchi)  
Slaney Rose Jordan (David Goulet)  
Ashley Randlele (Mark Lee)

##### **Division 3**

Laura Shofner (Thomas Enman)  
Eliza Xenakis (Carol Mastrodomenico)  
Bulent Guneralp (Thomas Enman)

#### **RHODE ISLAND CHAPTER**

#### **Song and Aria**

##### **Division 1A**

1<sup>st</sup> Ilana Goldstein (Kathrne Jennings)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Michael Browning (Cecilia Rodi)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Alejandra O'Neill (Cecilia Rodi)

##### **Division 1B**

1<sup>st</sup> Marissa Silva (Joanne Mouradjian)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Katie Ryan (Natalia de Rezendes)  
3<sup>rd</sup> Alyssa DiNobile (Cecilia Rodi)

##### **Division 2**

1<sup>st</sup> Sarah Izzi (Susan Rodgers)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Andrea Matthews (Kathryne Jennings)  
3<sup>rd</sup> Katie Anderson (Joanne Mouradjian)

#### **RHODE ISLAND (cont.)**

##### **Division 3**

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2<sup>nd</sup> Alexander Grover (Joanne Mouradjian)  
3<sup>rd</sup> Kristina Marsland (Susan Rodgers)

##### **Division 5**

2<sup>nd</sup> Stacey Geer (Susan Rodgers)

## **MUSIC THEATRE**

### **Division 1**

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- 2<sup>nd</sup> Emily Luther (Natalia de Rezendes)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Brittany Lavernia (Roberta Belanger)

### **Divison 2**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Alexander Grover (Joanne Mouradjian)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Danielle Ricci (Joanne Mouradjian)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Jordan Trundy (Joanne Mouradjian)

### **Division 3**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Liz Luca (Flo St. Jean)