



SFBAC NATS NEWSLETTER

September 10, 2020

Message from the President

Dear Fellow SFBAC NATS Members,

As the summer months come to a close, we have so much to look back on and feel proud of nationally, regionally, and especially within our own phenomenal Chapter. Since the dawn of 2020, some of our highlights include, launching our new website as a *‘.com’*, hosting a successful Cal-Western Regional Auditions and Conference, hosting an engaging Master Class with fabulous Regional Governor Ruth Ellis, an insightful and game-changing Voice Studio Business Incubator with Michelle Markwart Deveaux, our compelling annual SFBAC NATS Spring Student Auditions/Singing Festival, two wonderful SFBAC NATS Student Recitals, a NATS National Conference that raises the bar and is always inspiring, implementing a necessary and informative SFBAC “Diversity and Inclusion Committee”, and of course holding our thrilling Chapter Board Elections! We have been a busy chapter this year, while mostly under the presence of Covid-19 and the quarantine; feels like a miracle, truly. We are so fortunate to have such a buzzing chapter who inspire the board to cultivate new and wonderful ways to serve you, the Membership.

We couldn’t have accomplished so much without our fantastic executive board and countless volunteers, as well as having our fabulous membership turn out and participate! It is my deepest pleasure to thank our incredible outgoing Board Members, who have given so much of their

time, energy, and heart to the work they put into making SFBAC NATS such a special place for all of us, as well as for our students. Thank you so very much, Karine St-Pierre (President), Emily Sinclair (VP of Recitals), Chad Somers (Membership Secretary), Rachel Michelberg (Corresponding Secretary), Nanette McGuinness (Recording Secretary), and Sven Olbash (Co-VP of Programs)! We are grateful for your contributions and look forward to your continued involvement, participation and volunteerism as an active member, or to just sit back and enjoy the ride; you've each earned it.

It is with great honor to introduce our newly elected board members of 2020-2022! I'd like to give a warm welcome to Dr. Juanita Ulloa and Liesle McPherrin (Co-Vice Presidents of Programs), Ashley Bailey (Vice President of Recitals), Lee Strawn (Treasurer), Jonathan Smucker (Membership Secretary), Jacque Wilson Scharlach and Dr. Phillip Harris (Co-Vice Presidents of Student Auditions), Ryan Downey (Corresponding Secretary), Angelique Zuluaga (Recording Secretary), Alina Ilchuk (Newsletter Editor), and Solmaaz Adeli (Webmaster)! We have also established two new wonderful committees, an 'Advisory Committee' (Theresa Cardinale, Kathleen Ludowise, and Wendy Hillhouse) which is there to help advise the executive board when called upon, and our new 'Diversity and Inclusion Committee' (Co-chaired by Dr. Phillip Harris and Dr. Juanita Ulloa). What a dynamic and skilled team of humans, and I already see so much potential in these next few years to come.

Despite the climate of things outside of our control, our board and various committees have been quite busy working on upcoming programs, events, the Fall Student Auditions/Singing Festival, student recitals, working on streamlining communications, and much, much more.

I would like thank you, marvelous Membership, for your continued interest in SFBAC NATS. We appreciate every one of you! I also want to welcome all new members, we are honored that you have joined us and hope that you will get involved and/or participate in our upcoming offerings.

Feel free to reach out to any of the board members at anytime and stay connected via our website: sfbacnats.com

I hope that you are safe and well, and wish you all a wonderful start to a new school year! Happy "Zooming," "Face-timing," "Google Hangouts-ing," etc.! lol!

Kind Regards,

Katie Tupper
President, SFBAC NATS

AUDITIONS

SFBAC NATS 2020 Fall Musical Theater & CCM ONLINE Student Auditions/Singing Festival



Entry Videos Due: October 14th at 11:59 pm

1st Place Awards Concert Livestream Event:

Saturday, November 14, 2020 at 6:00 pm.

<https://sfbacnats.com/new-page-4>

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, our local SFBAC Fall Student Auditions will be held online via YouTube entry. Teachers will be able to adjudicate from their homes viewing student entries on YouTube between November 1-7. Adjudicating will take place via Auditioware.

A brand new category for student composers called
ORIGINAL SONGWRITING
is open to singers of all ages!

**Any kind of instrumental tracks for the CCM portion
of the competition is allowed!**

For more information contact:

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NEW PROGRAMS

“SONGS FOR ALL VOICES”

A multi-webinar program with the purpose to embody and celebrate diversity within our singing community, recognizing the different backgrounds, cultures, and life experiences of various composers and musicians.

For more information contact:

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SAVE THE DATE!



SFBAC NATS PRESENTS:

*Songs for All
Voices*

A webinar series to explore & celebrate solo vocal music and composers of all races, ethnicities, and identities.

Save the Date:

November 15th, 2pm - 4pm

Contact our VPs of Programs for additional information:

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Liesl McPherrin - lmmcpherrin@gmail.com

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NEW COMMITTEES

DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION COMMITTEE

A committee dedicated to promote greater diversity and participation in activities supporting inclusion within our chapter.

On June 7, 2020, at our Annual General Meeting, our board presented a statement, a pledge, that our chapter will do everything in its power to condemn and reject systemic racism and anti-blackness at every turn possible, as well as encourage, seek, and welcome more Black, POC and LGBTQ+ voice teachers to our chapter, including other marginalized voices in our community. From this call to action, a Diversity and Inclusion Committee was formed, chaired by Dr. Phillip Harris and Dr. Juanita Ulloa along with many other members of our board and membership. Immediate action is currently being taken to work on implementing our pledge.

**We can make an impact in our voice community and beyond!
We are ALL ABOUT VOICE! Let's use ours!**

For more information and suggestions contact:

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Dr. Juanita Ulloa juanitavoicetrainer@gmail.com

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A committee of three board-appointed SFBAC NATS members. When called upon, the Advisory Committee provides council to the board, when advice is needed on questions regarding operational, ethical, and historical (such as interpreting the bylaws, etc.) matters.

**Theresa Cardinale
Kathleen Ludowise
Wendy Hillhouse**

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Summer Voice Intensive at SFCM

In early August, San Francisco Conservatory of Music hosted a 4 day voice intensive program. I was very fortunate to attend this program along with other high school and early college students in a very well executed online format.

It included private voice lessons from Cesar Ulloa, Cathy Cook, Susanne Mentzer, Matthew Worth and lectures from Jose Maria Condemni, Robert Britton, Heather Matthews, and Marcie Stapp.

There was also a two-day seminar with the legendary pianist and scholar Martin Katz in which we studied Samuel Barber's 'Hermit Songs'.

In addition to working with some of today's top educators and performers, attendees were treated to a concise look at the Opera and Musical Theatre concentrations, admissions and life at SFCM with plenty of time for Q&A.

During each session, the participants were invited to communicate with the teachers and each other; it was definitely a collaborative learning experience.

The final masterclass with Frederica von Stade was a highlight of the program and it was a great honor and inspiration to perform for her. We got to hear her insights into each of the performed songs, her technical advice and experience her delightful personality.

Overall this was a very special week for me and I hope that SFCM continues to conduct similar programs in future years!

Clara Abrahams,
Voice student of Alina Ilchuk

OUR BOARD

President, Katie Tupper

Co-Vice Presidents of Programs, Dr. Juanita Ulloa & Liesl McPherrin

Vice President of Recitals, Ashley Bailey

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Membership Secretary, Jonathan Smucker

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SFBAC NATS Board Minutes for August 9, 2020:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1D5-qRUITwZtmfli_kcpVdSr8zsV7Tmbx6OVnX-8l01k/edit

*SFBAC NATS bylaws and previous meeting minutes may be obtained upon request.

SUBMISSIONS FOR THE DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

If you would like to submit an article related to singing or advertise an upcoming singing event in the December newsletter, please email sfbacnats@gmail.com

The deadline for submissions is November 29, 2020

