

# Southeastern Region - NATS

*From Toni Anderson, Regional Governor*

WINTER AND SPRING REGIONAL NEWS

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Happy New Year! I hope you have all had a chance to relax over the holidays because the coming months hold many SERNATS events and opportunities. We are glad to announce that all of the information that you will need to register for the upcoming Regional Student Auditions is now on our website at [www.sernats.org](http://www.sernats.org). Please take the time to read below about the revised guidelines which reflect the inclusion of the new musical theater categories which were voted on last fall.

I hope to see many of you in March and again in July at the National Convention in Salt Lake City.

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## NATS/NOA WINTER WORKSHOP

In spite of the icy weather, the Winter Workshop was a resounding success. Sessions by Martha Elliott, Scott McCoy, Thomas Murry, and William Westney were features of the NATS portion of the conference. NOA sessions included a master class by George Shirley, the Collegiate Opera Scenes Competition, the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Vocal Competition, and two performances of the winning opera from the NOA Chamber Opera Competition, *The Beautiful Bridegroom*, directed by Dwight Coleman and presented at Georgia State with Peter Marshall conducting.

## NATS ARTIST AWARD REGIONAL COMPETITION

District NATSAA competitions will be held February 6 at Columbus State University, Columbus, GA; February 18 at the University of South Alabama in Mobile; and February 27 at the State College of Florida Manatee-Sarasota in Bradenton, FL.

Regional Auditions will be held on Thursday, March 25, 2010, just before the Regional Student Auditions at Stetson University, Deland, FL. For details on each of these events see *District and Chapter Events* on [www.sernats.org](http://www.sernats.org).

## BON VOYAGE, YVONNE! WELCOME TONY!!

Dr. Yvonne Dechance is leaving Florida for Paris! We will miss her enthusiasm and creativity, but *c'est la vie!* Dr. Anthony Offerle of The University of Florida is taking over as Florida District Governor, and he has hit the ground running.

## NEW LOOK FOR WWW.SERNATS.ORG

When you take a look at our website, notice that the audition materials will open in a

new browser window. The recent landslide vote to change our musical theater repertoire requirements and categories required a review and revision of most of our materials. You will only find those changes that were voted in, but most of the materials were reformatted to make information easier to find.

Yvonne Dechance chaired the committee which did most of the hard work of revising and reformatting. Thanks to her and her committee members, Randall Richardson (AL) and Matt Hoch (GA). Thanks, too, for the input of Craig Maddox, Registrar, and his repertoire consultants at Stetson. **We are looking forward to adding the Approved Aria List for Categories 1-6 as well as information on the dinner and luncheon meetings at Stetson. Keep an eye on the website.**

Some materials that are sensitive, especially those that include the photos or names and schools of students are password protected. If you have questions about the website, please direct them to the Web Chair Pat Callaway, [pcallaway@lagrange.edu](mailto:pcallaway@lagrange.edu).

*The Southeastern Region of NATS is Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands.*