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Southeastern Region

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*Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Puerto Rico
and the Virgin Islands*

Message from the Regional Governor
Summer 2022

Dear Colleagues,

As we settle into midsummer, remember to take a moment to enjoy time with family and friends. Sit long enough to enjoy the sounds of nature, a good laugh, a hearty meal, or a good movie/book/concert. Or, take some time to just.....breathe.

The National Conference – July 1-6, 2022, Chicago, IL

SERNATS was well-represented at the national conference in Chicago! There were twenty students from our region who advanced to the national semifinals with four winning prizes. Congratulations singers, teachers, and collaborative pianists! The results from our region:

Singer	Place	Category	Teacher
Caragh Zeigler	1st place (\$900)	MT 3A - Lower HS Musical Theatre Treble	Regina Torres
Charles Eastman	1st place (\$900)	MT 4B - Upper HS Musical Theatre TBB	Beverly Blouin
Dylan Glenn	1st place (\$1,600)	CL 10 - Advanced Classical TBB	Jeffrey Springer
Lily Brannigan	3rd (\$450)	MT 5 - Lower Musical Theatre Treble	Christi Amonson

Click [here](#) for the complete list of High School winners.

Click [here](#) for the complete list of College and Advanced categories.

Conference presentations, performances and posters

Here is a list of our SERNATS colleagues who presented workshops, presentations, posters or performances during the national conference in Chicago:

Noticing is the Hardest Part: Perceptually-Informed Revisions to Black Box Models in Voice Pedagogy. Presenters: Ian Howell, **Chadley Ballantyne**, Kayla Gautereaux

Mini-Recital – Reinvigorating Opera and Song– “Joy” and “Hope”: understanding the human experience through the lyricism and fusion of style found in the songs of two living composers, Ricky Ian Gordon and Ben Moore. Presenters: **Sheila Dunn, Corey McKern, and Blake Riley**

How Hormonal IUDs Can Alter the Female Singing Voice. Presenter: **Vindhya Khare**

Championing Mexican Art Song: Compositions and Arrangements by Manuel Ponce
Presenters: **Reverie Mott Berger**, Charbel Yubaile

Mini-Recital – Latinx Song “Sueños de Esperanza: Stories of Latina Women in Song”
Amy Kathryn Canchola and **Valerie Trujillo**

The NATS “So You Want to Sing Series”: Reflections on Seven Years, Twenty Books, and a Glimpse of the Future. Presenters: **Matthew Hoch, Allen Henderson,** Michael Tan

Mini-Recital – Latinx Song: Beyond Carlos Chávez: A Lecture Recital of 20th Century Mexican Art Songs. Presenters: **Valerie Trujillo,** Brenda Iglesias, Katherine Calcamuggio Donner, **Eric Rieger,** Natalie Sherer, Qiao Zheng Goh, Patricia Au

Advancing International Connectivity Among Voice Teachers

Presenters: Karen Brunssen, Susan Yarnall-Monks, Sandra Oberoi, Stephen Ng, Bronwen Forbay, Caroline Schiller, **Allen Henderson,** Alexander Lee, Martin Vacha, Diana Allan, Ellen Pieterse, Carole Blankenship, Sarah Holman

Remembering Meribeth Dayme (1938–2019): A Roundtable Discussion of Her Life, Legacy, and Contributions to Voice Pedagogy. Presenters: **Matthew Hoch,** Cynthia Vaughn

“Your Devoted Hugo” a Song Cycle by Timothy Hoekman. Presenters: **Evan Jones and Timothy Hoekman**

Sometimes Words Speak Louder than Actions: A Look Back and Forward at Adjudication

Presenters: **Allen Henderson** and Dan Johnson Wilmot

*What Do You Really KNOW About The American Negro Spiritual (TANS)? Let’s talk; what it is, what it isn’t and how to present respectful performance of The American Negro Spiritual in classical vocal programming, with experienced guidance and student demonstrations! PART ONE *STREAM*

Presenters: **Alexis Davis-Hazell,** Barbara Hill Moore, **Marcía Porter,** Everett McCorvey

Art Song Composition Award Winners Recital

Performance of 2021 Winning Composition – “Everything Already Lost” cycle for Baritone and Piano by Jeffrey Ryan. Performed by: Michael Preacely, baritone and **Valerie M. Trujillo,** piano

Performance of 2022 Winning Composition – “God’s World” cycle for Mezzo-soprano and Piano by Ericsson Hatfield. Performed by: **Sahoko Sato Timpone,** mezzo-soprano and **Valerie M. Trujillo,** piano

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Teaching Voice Students from East Asia: Understanding the linguistic challenges and advantages unique to native Mandarin, Cantonese, Korean and Japanese speakers Presenters: **Sahoko Sato Timpone,** Wei-En Hsu, Ryu Kyung Kim, Mutsumi Moteki, Stephen Ng

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The Effects of Virtual Reality Training in Reducing Performance Anxiety. Presenters: **Mark McQuade,** Bobbie Ticknor

Collab Corner with Valerie Trujillo

Laban for Singers: Laban Movement Analysis for Body Release and Character Development
Presenters: **Frank Ragsdale**, Doug Carpenter, Meredith Pyle Pedley, Tomasz Robak, Kyle Sackett

Modular framework for singing instruction.

A modular framework for voice lessons empowers students through progressive skill acquisition.

Presenter: **Chadley Ballantyne**

Installation of National Officers and Board Members

Our own Dr. Alexis Davis-Hazell was installed as president-elect of NATS.

Rebecca Salter was installed as the Southeastern Region Governor and national board member.

Awards

Our very own **Allen Henderson** was honored with the inaugural Impact Award. *“This award is given to a person of exceptional dedication to the National Association of Teachers of Singing whose leadership, initiative, and achievements have had significant IMPACT on our mission to transform lives through the power of singing.”* The funds raised from this award will be designated to the NATS program of Allen’s choice.

The SERNATS executive board voted unanimously to make a \$500 gift to the IMPACT Award. If you would like to make a contribution to support this wonderful award, click this [link](#).

Upcoming dates:

SERNATS 2023 Conference –Valdosta State University. March 16-18, 2023

NATS 58th National Conference – Knoxville, Tennessee – June 28- July 2, 2024

Thank you!

Thank you to our historian, Sahoko Sato Timpone, who took lots of photos during the conference and added them to the SERNATS FaceBook page!

This is my last “Message from the Regional Governor.” It has been an honor to serve this region and on the national board. My heartfelt appreciation to the regional officers and executive board members who served with me during the last four years. It was truly a pleasure working with you!

Congratulations to Rebecca Salter as she begins her term as our new Region Governor! I’m looking forward to the exciting things planned for the region!

Until we see one another again, I wish you all peace, health, kindness, joy, and love.
Take care of yourselves!

Marcia

SERNATS Governor, 2018-2022