

The National Association of Teachers of Singing – Tahoma Chapter

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Dear Tahoma Chapter Members,

I have exciting news about the coming year and since I know you are all starting to plan your calendars, be sure to put the following events on them:

- September 19 (Sat.) **Professional Development Workshop:**
10am – 6pm "Practical Vocal Acoustics" With Kenneth W. Bozeman, Frank C. Shattuck Professor of Music, Lawrence University Conservatory of Music, Appleton, WI
Chapter Meeting takes place at lunch time
At Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma
\$20 NATS members / \$10 Students of NATS members / \$30 General
- January 23 (Sat.) **Tahoma Chapter Student Adjudications**
Chapter Meeting takes place at lunch time
At University of Puget Sound, Tacoma
- February 22 (Mon.) **Tahoma Chapter Scholarship Auditions – 10th Anniversary**
7:00 p.m. At Highline College, Des Moines
- March 4 – 6
(Fri./Sat./Sun.) **Northwest NATS Regional Conference**
At Seattle Airport Marriott, Sea-Tac
- May 7 (Sat.) **General Meeting & Executive Board Elections**
1:00 p.m. **Spring Fling Student Recital**
At Highline Community College, Des Moines

Details of all of these events will be coming shortly – in the meantime, if you are on Facebook, join the "NATS Northwest Region" group for information on NATS events in our region – connect with other teachers, share information, events, etc. Also, check our website www.tahomanats.org for events, membership directory, adjudications info, meeting minutes, etc.

Our first big event for the year is the workshop with Kenneth Bozeman, whose recent book, *Practical Vocal Acoustics: Pedagogic Applications for Teachers and Singers*, is making waves across the country. He speaks about this subject in a way that is truly practical – he is less about science and more about teaching, and he's a great guy, too. We are fortunate to have this opportunity and what he has to offer will enhance your teaching and singing enormously. Please plan to attend – there are opportunities for teachers and students to be participants – we'll be sending all the details very soon by email.

Other big news: Our adjudications rules will be changing to adapt to the new rules from the national office. Members of our own Adjudications Rules Committee are working hard to revise procedures and these changes will be presented at the chapter meeting on September 19. Don't miss this chance to hear all about it.

Membership: We invite all members of NATS in good standing to our chapter. Please invite your NATS colleagues to our events and introduce them to the wonderful programs we offer. If they are not NATS members, we can help.

That's all for now. I hope the rest of your summer is fantastic. I'm looking forward to seeing you soon, and if you have any questions, just send an email to me or any board member and we'll be happy to assist.

Sincerely,
Denise Daverso
President