

# Lyric Diction Workshop

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For voice teachers, diction instructors, and vocal coaches

***The Lyric Diction Workshop* is a post-graduate course designed for instructors who teach diction in the classroom and private studio. The workshop is taught by Cheri Montgomery, author of 12 titles on the topics of voice and diction.**

## TOPICS COVERED:

- **The History and Purpose of the Lyric Diction Course** is based on Montgomery's article, *Diction [still] Belongs in the Music Department*, published in the Jan./Feb. 2020 issue of *Journal of Singing*.
- **Pronunciation of the International Phonetic Alphabet** as it applies to English, Italian, German, and French lyric diction is presented using recordings of native classically trained singers.
- **Transcription of English, Italian, German, and French** is presented using an interactive format. Oxford University Press published Montgomery's method of transcription in the appendix of *Exploring Art Song Lyrics*.
- **Teaching Methodology** is designed for those who teach diction in the classroom and private studio. Montgomery was invited to present on this topic at the 2019 NATS Summer Workshop at St. Olaf College. Additional teaching tools and guidelines are published in her article: *The Dynamic Diction Classroom* (*Journal of Singing*, Sept./Oct. 2011).

## METHOD OF INSTRUCTION:

Topics from each unit of the *English, Italian, German, and Advanced French Lyric Diction Workbooks* are presented in the following order:

- Listening: recordings of art songs that highlight each IPA symbol are presented.
- Lecture: rules for enunciation and transcription are covered in brief lectures.
- Group activities: rules for transcription are applied through transcription and enunciation activities. Attendees will be given the opportunity to transcribe using the latest classroom technology.

**WORKSHOP LOCATION:**

Jean and Alexander Heard Libraries, Room 800BB  
Vanderbilt University  
419 21st Avenue South  
Nashville, TN 37203

Map:

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**2020 WORKSHOP DATES:**

English Lyric Diction & Teaching Methodology Workshop:	May 27, 9:00 – 5:00
Italian Lyric Diction Workshop:	May 28, 9:00 – 12:00
German Lyric Diction Workshop:	May 28, 1:00 – 5:00
French Lyric Diction Workshop:	May 29, 9:00 – 5:00

**COST:**

English Diction and Teaching Methodology Workshop with free instructor's manual:	\$200.00
Italian Workshop with free instructor's manual:	\$100.00
German Workshop with free instructor's manual:	\$100.00
French Workshop with free instructor's manual:	\$200.00

**REGISTRATION:**

Registration is complete upon payment: <http://www.stmpublishers.com/workshops.html>

**ACCOMMODATIONS:** Dorm room accommodations are available for \$79.00 per night.

Scarritt Bennett Center  
1008 19th Avenue South  
Nashville, Tennessee 37212  
Phone: 615.340.7500

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**LUXURY ACCOMMODATIONS:**

Opryland Hotel in Nashville

<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/bnago-gaylord-opryland-resort-and-convention-center>

(12 miles from Vanderbilt)

**TRANSPORTATION:**

Airport Shuttle: [www.inshuttle.com](http://www.inshuttle.com)

**QUESTIONS:**

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