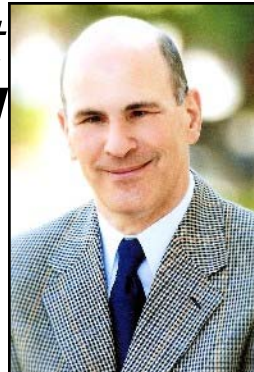


NATS San Diego NEWS

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President's Last Word



Dear colleagues,

My term as your chapter president has come to an end and I want to thank you for allowing me the opportunity and the honor to serve you. The job has had some challenging moments, of course, not least is the board's efforts to get a clearer picture of where you want the chapter to go. However, after getting your feedback, the board will try to have a greater variety of programs that will appeal to a wider group in the singing community. Also getting a greater number of members to participate in events and to assist at the competition have been continuing pre-occupations. Despite the challenges, the benefits of serving as your president have made it all worthwhile. I have met a lot of wonderful people in our chapter and many of them I consider my friends. In numbers our membership has remained steady, which, in the current economic and social atmosphere, is a good thing. We have revised the bylaws to reflect the practical changes that have evolved. I now I look forward to serving on the board as Past President.

Ron Shaheen

OTHER NOTES

NATS National is going non-profit. We anticipate the official announcement will come any day. This status will have great benefits to our chapter, but the primary benefit will be that donations made to the chapter (above and beyond annual dues), and specifically to the Young Artists Competition, will in all likelihood be tax-deductible.

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YAC UPDATE

Our recent Young Artists Competition was the most successful ever, with over 120 singers participating. Congratulations to the winners of the various categories and to their teachers.

Many of you are probably aware that category IA was unusually large this year. After doing some research, the board discovered that NATS National does not recommend auditioning students under 15 years of age. This guideline will be adopted in next year's competition, and will have the effect of limiting the IA category.

Finally, **Jim Tompkins-MacLaine's** term as Competition Co-Chair has come to an end and he has stepped down. Running the competition is a Herculean task, and we thank Jim for all his hard work and dedication.

BYLAWS REVISIONS

One of the endeavors I have spearheaded as president has involved revising the bylaws. In the mail soon you will receive a copy of the new bylaws. Among the revisions will be the following:

Official name change from "The San Diego Chapter of NATS" to "NATS San Diego." This brings us in line with the manner in which other chapters have named themselves.

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2009 Young Artists Competition hits record high entries!

This year's competition had the largest number of participants in the history of our annual competition! It involved tens of volunteers under the able direction of the Competition Co-Chairs **Jim Tompkins-MacLaine** and **Elizabeth Kimmerly**. The board wishes to thank all the students who participated, and their teachers as well. Many thanks go to the judges, to the accompanists, and to all the volunteers, without whom the event would not be possible.

Special thanks go to our host campus, Point Loma Nazarene University, and to Juliette Singler who helped tremendously with the on-site arrangements. **The greatest thanks go to Jim and Elizabeth.** The competition is a huge undertaking and a logistical super-challenge, but they rose successfully to the occasion yet again. Bravo, Jim and Elizabeth!

The Board of Directors 🎵

Look out for NATS San Diego 2009 Ballot of Executive Board Positions and Bylaws Revisions

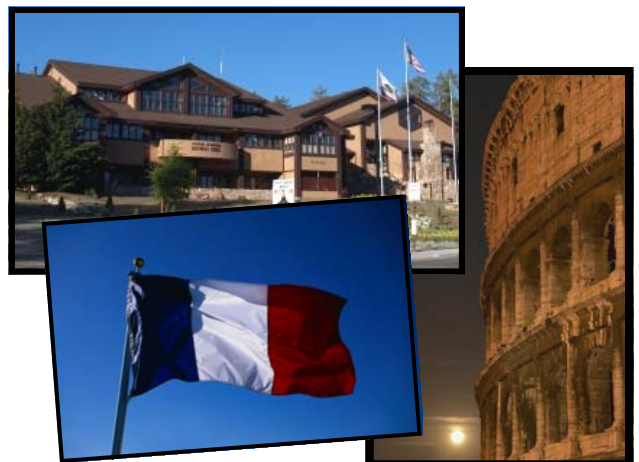
Over the next week or so you should be receiving the 2009 Election Ballot to elect new members to Executive Board positions open beginning this fall. Please be sure to let your voices be heard!

In your email you should also be receiving revised bylaws for our chapter. Over the past two years we have taken it to task make our chapter bylaws relevant. This has been an arduous and time consuming project but one we feel will make our chapter's governance more effective. Take the time to read over our bylaws and familiarize yourself with them before ratifying them.

NATS Students to attend Summer Vocal Programs

Several students of our NATS members have been invited to participate in voice and opera programs here and abroad this summer. We want to congratulate them and their teachers and wish them an exciting time of study and performing.

- Emily Simmons (student of Laurinda Nikkel), Bryan Balderman (student of Enrique Toral) and Jill Ries (student of Mary MacKenzie) will participate in the CSU Summer Arts Program – *The Complete Singer-Actor: Getting Your Act Together*
- Victoria Lund (student of Laurinda Nikkel) will study and perform at the *International Lyric Academy* in Rome, Italy
- Julia Kermott (student of Laurinda Nikkel) has been selected to perform in the *Oberlin in Italy Program* in Arezzo, Italy
- Kyohee Lee and Raechele Hans (students of Enrique Toral) will participate in the *Big Bear Lake Song Festival*. The festival promotes classical song and is a performance training program for both undergraduate and graduate level singers.
- Jocelyn Halleck (along with her teacher Laurinda Nikkel) will attend *The Vancouver International Song Institute* in Vancouver, British Columbia. Jocelyn will also spend two months in Paris at the *Institute Catholique de Paris* studying French language and culture.





OFFICIAL RESULTS FOR YAC 2009

Division 1A (Pre-college, ages 14-16)

Judges: Mary MacKenzie, Juliette Singler, Valerie Watts

1st Place: Jasmin White, student of Jane Atherstone

2nd Place: Elliott Wulff, student of Daniel Hendrick

3rd Place: Daniel Myers, student of Pandeli Lazaridi

Honorable Mention: Angela Asgekar, student of P. Lazaridi

Division 1B (Pre-college, ages 17-18)

Judges: Carolyn Terpstra, Tina Sayers, Scott Gregory

1st Place: Andrea Leitereg, student of Lori Ascani

2nd Place: Elyssa Lata, student of J. Atherstone

3rd Place: Catalina Gil, student of Janelle deStefano

Honorable Mention: Kylene Parks, student of Sarah Agler

Division 2A (Classical, ages 18-20)

Judges: Ron Shaheen, Kathleen Halm, Daniel Hendrick

1st Place: Christian Sanders, student of J. Craig Johnson

2nd Place: Raechele Hans, student of Enrique Torál

3rd Place: Alexandra Rodrick, student of J. C. Johnson

Honorable Mention: Chelsea Seener, student of Laurinda Nikkel

Division 2B (Classical, ages 21-23)

Judges: Lisa Naulls, Ann Chase, Delynn Ketcherside

1st Place: Brendan McClenahan, student of J. C. Johnson

2nd Place: Michael Sparaco, student of E. Torál

3rd Place: Emily Simmons, student of L. Nikkel

Honorable Mention: Jackie Hayes, student of J. C. Johnson

Division 2C (Classical, ages 24-30)

Judges: Gerald Seminatore, Diane Alexander, William Marshall

1st Place: Lorant Najbauer, student of Mary MacKenzie

2nd Place: Nick Munson, student of Jim Tompkins-MacLaine

3rd Place: Sarah Brand, student of Stephanie Sabin

Honorable Mention: Kyohee Lee, student of E. Torál

Honorable Mention: Bryan Wahlstrom, student of D. Hendrick

Division 3A (Musical Theatre, ages 18-23)

Judges: Bill Nolan, Loren Salter

1st Place: Chelsea Seener, student of L. Nikkel

2nd Place: Michael Sparaco, student of E. Torál

3rd Place: Jocelyn Halleck, student of L. Nikkel

Honorable Mention: Rebecca Duckworth, student of Juliette Singler

Division 3B (Musical Theatre, ages 24-30)

Judges: Bill Nolan, Loren Salter

1st Place: Nick Munson, student of J. Tompkins-MacLaine

2nd Place: Mario Rodriguez, student of M. MacKenzie

3rd Place: Benjamin Lopez, student of E. Torál

Division 4 (Adult Division, ages 31 and over)

Judges: Carolyn Terpstra, Tina Sayers, Scott Gregory

1st Place: Elizabeth Podsiadlo, student of P. Lazaridi

2nd Place: Kirstin Cosgrove, student of Diana Ruggiero

NOTEWORTHY

Recent Winners making NATS teachers proud...

This time of year is always full of local competitions for various age levels. Below some recent winners. Congrats to them and to their teachers!

SAN DIEGO CHORAL CLUB VOCAL SCHOLARSHIP

Candace Radeboldti, 1st Place Winner— \$275

Student of Mary MacKenzie

Maria Lozano, 2nd Place Winner— \$175

Student of Mary MacKenzie

Melissa Carter, Honorable Mention— \$75

Student of Mary MacKenzie

Chelsea Seener, Harriet Nixon Newcomer Award— \$75

Student of Laurinda Nikkel

VIRGINIA HAWK SCHOLARSHIP VOCAL AUDITIONS

Julia Teal Kermott, 1st Place Winner— \$3,000

Student of Laurinda Nikkel

Melissa Carter, 2nd Place Winner— \$2,000

Student of Mary MacKenzie

CALIFORNIA WOMEN'S CHORUS VOCAL SCHOLARSHIP AUDITIONS

Victoria Lund, 1st Place Winner—\$3,000

Student of Laurinda Nikkel

Raechele Hans, 2nd Place Winner—\$2,000

Student of Enrique Toral

Elisa Rose Jordan, 3rd Place Winner—\$1,000

Student of J. Craig Johnson

TEMECULA VALLEY MASTER CHORAL YOUTH SOLO COMPETITION

On Saturday, April 25th, the Jane Atherstone and Lori Ascani Vocal Studios both participated at the Temecula Valley Master Chorale Youth Solo Competition. **Jasmin White** (J. Atherstone) and **Kara Sainz** (L. Ascani) tied for 1st place in the 10th-12th grade division and received \$450 each. **Elyssa Lata** (J. Atherstone) received Honorable Mention in the same category. **Nico Ayala** (L. Ascani) received Honorable Mention in the 6th-9th grade category. Congratulations to all four singers!

IN OTHER NEWS:

Lorant Najbauer, Division 2C 1st Place winner in our recent YAC, will be heading to Yale to study for his Masters degree on full scholarship. He is a student of Mary MacKenzie.





Musical Events

SUNDAY, MAY 17
AT 2:00 P.M.

ENRIQUE TORAL AT ORGAN PAVILLION

Enrique Toral joins civic organist Carol Williams for an afternoon of music at the Spreckles Organ Pavillion in Balboa Park. Free Admission

SATURDAY JUNE 6

AT 8:00 P.M.

AND SUNDAY JUNE 7

AT 3:00 P.M.

MAHLER'S SYMPHONY No. 2

La Jolla Symphony and Chorus close their season with Mahler's mighty "Resurrection" Symphony. Featuring NATS members Laurinda Nikkel, soprano and Martha Jane Weaver, mezzo-soprano. Mandeville Auditorium, UCSD.

These listings are intended to promote local vocal events and support NATS members and their students.

BYLAWS (continued from page 1)

Associate members may now have full voting privileges and may hold office at any level.

The board will now consist of *elected* members and members who are not elected but who serve on the board by virtue of tradition (in the case of Advisor and Past President) and by necessity (the Webmaster).

The Vice President's duties have been more clearly spelled out.

The bylaws establish two chairs for the Young Artists Competition ("co-chairs").

The Hospitality Chair has now become the Social Chair. This is a response to many members who have asked for more social events.

A Member-at-Large position has been added to provide an opportunity to participate at a less stringent level.

The quorum has been changed to consist of six *elected* members of the board.

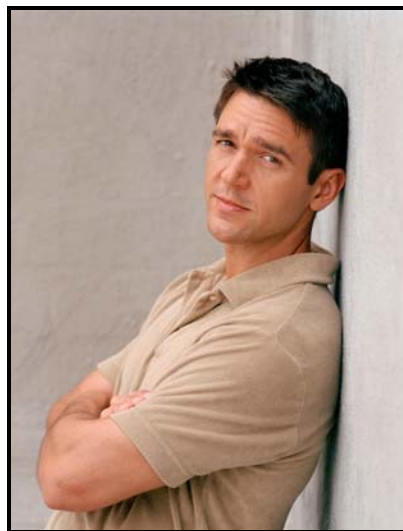
You will receive the bylaws with your new chapter directory and with a ballot for election of a slate of new officers. Please read the ballot and the bylaws carefully and vote!

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“What I have learned from having to stand on stage over and over again is that in order to communicate we must give of ourselves honestly and whole heartedly every time. It doesn't matter if we did it yesterday. It only matters if we do it today.”

Nathan Gunn
(b. 1970)

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Submissions for the next issue are due August 15th. Submit to Enrique Toral via e-mail at etoral@natssandiego.org or regular mail at the address above.