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 - Pennsylvania State University
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 - St. Olaf College
 - University of Akron
 - University of Alabama-Birmingham**
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 - University of St. Thomas
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 - University of WI - Eau Claire
 - University of WI – Whitewater
 - Virginia Tech
 - Wartburg College**
 - Weber State University
 - Westminster Choir College/Rider U.
 - West Liberty State College
 - Winthrop University
- Places marked in RED are new members this quarter.

Happy Fall!

As I write this, fall has arrived a bit early in the northeast and school has made us all very busy again! I hope you are all enjoying your busy-ness.

This issue contains several important opportunities for SNATS chapters and members. First, **GRANTS** are now available to SNATS chapters from NATS! Second, there is an amazing opportunity for SNATS members to attend the 50th NATS Conference in Nashville. So read on!

ROAD TRIP!!!!

NATS wants **SNATS** members to be a big part of our 50th national conference this summer in Nashville, TN. In fact, as a SNATS member, you can receive **FREE** student registration, normally \$100, just for agreeing to serve as volunteer staff for a portion of the conference. Our resort hotel, the Gaylord Opryland is a great place to party and if you share four to a room it is very, very affordable for student budgets. (<http://www.gaylordhotels.com/gaylordopryland/>) Check with your student government or student affairs office on your campus. Many schools help fund students attending professional meetings such as this.

Volunteer staff will help with registration, take care of our guest artists' needs, usher, take photos, stage manage, and manage traffic flow.

Oh, and you'll get a cool t-shirt free as well. :-)

If you're interested, have your chapter advisor contact **Carl Swanson**. The registration website will be up and running by November. The conference is June 27 to July 1.

Please email pictures, news, and additional email addresses from your SNATS Chapters to me! I will e-publish this newsletter four times a year. (See the deadlines at the bottom of the page.) June 30 is the next deadline.

Feel free to share this newsletter with those in your chapter and any other interested parties.

♪ Carl Swanson

INDIANA UNIVERSITY

The Indiana University Jacobs School of Music SNATS Chapter announces their annual SNATS Conference. This year it will be held on February 8 and 9, 2008. Details at: [http://www.indiana.edu/~iusnats/symposium.shtml]

ASBURY COLLEGE

Asbury College has started the school year off with a running head start! This past month AC-SNATS hosted our first major academic event on campus with much thanks to our wonderful advisor and her connections, **Professor Virginia Bowles**. Led by **Dr. Ann Rhodes** of Berea College, a specialist in the Alexander Technique, a group of more than thirty students gathered to experience, learn, and apply the foundational Alexander techniques in an all day seminar hosted by AC-SNATS. The morning session was filled with warm-ups, exercises, and an introduction to the Alexander Technique. After a brief break for lunch,



the afternoon was full of opportunity to put these exercises to practice as **Dr.**

Rhodes worked with each student individually.



Majors and non-majors, vocalists, instrumentalists, and keyboardists explored together the theory of relaxation and breathing. The students experienced first hand that relaxing the body and maintaining a comfortable position while performing produced the best possible resonance



and sound from one's own instrument.

Some student comments about the seminar:

“After Alexander singing was easier.”
“It was a truly freeing experience!”

“I never knew that I could sound like that!”

This opportunity would not have been possible without a grant from the National Association of Teachers of Singing. Because of this grant, our AC-SNATS program not only gained a great opportunity for ourselves, but also shared it with our college community, raising our musical knowledge and standards. Upcoming events for the Asbury College chapter will include several opportunities including our exciting, *Dinner and an Opera* events, master classes, recitals, and other short seminars for AC-SNATS. Thank you again, NATS, for energizing our vocal curriculum here at Asbury College!



OHIO STATE

The Ohio State University is happy to announce they have started up a SNATS group on OSU's campus for the 2007-2008 school year under the guidance of **Dr. Karen Peeler**. Central Ohio SNATS (COSNATS) members are excited for the new year and the activities planned.

MORAVIAN COLLEGE

Moravian College in Bethlehem, PA, recently formed a SNATS chapter. Under the guidance of faculty advisor **Eduardo Azzati** (president of the Lehigh Valley chapter of NATS), MC-SNATS has already held two meetings,

at which they developed and ratified a constitution and elected chapter officers: **Kelly Schmidt**, president; **Kelsey Perruso**, vice-president; **Katelyn Gudknecht**, secretary; and **Katie Pulizzano**, treasurer. Upcoming events include lectures by college voice faculty members **Greg Oaten** and **Dr. Yvonne Robinson**.

NAUGATUCK VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Our fledgling SNATS group has taken off! On October 4, **David Finley**, the advisor, held a luncheon at Spartans Restaurant. Fourteen students attended and there are more who want to join at our next meeting. We have elected officers and discussed what we wanted to achieve as a group. Our first project is hosting a Master Class by Counter-tenor, **Ian Howell**, a member of Chanticleer and a recent Yale School of Music Graduate. He has performed all over the world and knows a lot about the music business as a young artist and will be sharing his experiences with the students. The event will be held on Monday, October 22, from 3-5 pm in the Choral Room at NVCC. This will be a free event and open to the public. There will be an additional performance at Sacred Heart University, benefiting our SNATS chapter. (We received funding for both master classes through a private fund). This will take place on October 15 from 2 to 4 pm.

David Finley is giving a Concert of Baroque music with the Bach Aria Consort of New Haven on October 14, at 3 pm in Founders Hall on the campus of Naugatuck Valley Community College. It is free and open to the public. The SNATS chapter will be hosting a reception to follow the concert. The performance will include works by

Schuetz, Bruhns, Buxtehude, Weiland, and C.P.E. Bach.

BRENAU UNIVERSITY

The Brenau University SNATS organization is off to an exciting second year with plans for the entire group to attend Atlanta Opera's performance of *Turnadot*, in the new Cobb Center for the Performing Arts, on October 7. They are also making plans to host a guest recitalist and master class clinician later in the school year.

UNIV. OF WISCONSIN – WHITEWATER

The University of Wisconsin - Whitewater SNATS Chapter is presenting a chapter recital on October 30. Later this semester the chapter will begin working on the complete songs by Frédéric Chopin. They will be performed in Polish on a recital in the spring semester. Our chapter is also attending Madison Opera's Production of *La Boheme* on November 18 in Madison.

Selected chapter members will be performing this fall in master classes for **John DeHaan** from the University of Minnesota in October, **Jill Pearon** from SUNY Potsdam in November, and for **Julia Faulkner** from the University of Wisconsin in the spring semester.

BALL STATE

Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana, recently formed a SNATS chapter. Under the guidance of faculty advisor **Dr. Mei Zhong**, the chapter has elected 2007-2008 officers: **Loralee Songer**, President; **Katie Kellogg**, Vice-President; **Adam Hendrickson**, Secretary; and **Kellie Rumba**, Treasurer. Last May, the BSU SNATS chapter sponsored Early Music Muncie's production of *Dido and Aeneas* and this

fall we are sponsoring their next production: Mozart's opera *Bastein und Bastienne*, to be performed in December.

VIRGINIA TECH

Virginia Tech is pleased to announce the formation of a SNATS chapter for the 2007-2008 school year. The new chapter is fourteen members strong and is eager to begin activities under the leadership and guidance of faculty advisor, **Nancy McDuffie** and officers, **Natalie Lauby**, **Chelsea Crane**, and **Brittany Wilson**. Planning has already begun for two guest artist master classes this fall, fundraising activities, and community service opportunities.

Virginia Tech SNATS is also busy preparing for the Virginia NATS Conference that will take place on the campus of Virginia Tech February 29 and March 1, 2008. The newly formed chapter is excited about the new school year and looks forward to recruiting more members and participating in a multitude of activities.

GRANTS AVAILABLE!!!!

Your chapter may be eligible to receive grant money! The Board of NATS, in an effort to support the many SNATS chapters, has pledged \$2000 a year to be used for the operation of SNATS.

To that end, I have developed a grant program. Details are available on our website [http://www.nats.org/snats/snats_grants.php]. Grants are available to SNATS chapters in the amount of up to \$200 per year. Any monies granted must be matched by local funds.

Guidelines, applications, and expense vouchers are available online.

There is STILL money left for this year! APPLY NOW!