

Valley of the Sun NATS Chapter Student Auditions 2026



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**TEACHERS
OF SINGING**

Valley of the Sun Chapter

WHAT: Student Auditions

- Students of all ages prepare Classical, Musical Theatre and/or Commercial Music (CM) songs.
- They sing for 3 voice teacher judges and receive useful comments.
- Small scholarship awards are presented to the top 3 singers in each category according to age.
- NATS teachers are required to help with the Auditions, providing prep work, judging and assistance where needed. All teachers entering students will be required to adjudicate or provide qualified substitute adjudicators.
 - **In lieu of a teacher fee, this year teachers will be assigned a mandatory volunteer position on the weekend of the event in addition to their adjudication responsibilities.**

Students who participate in the Student Auditions will:

- Develop audition skills
- Receive expert feedback
- Grow confidence in performing
- Gain recognition for their hard work

Teachers who participate in the Student Auditions will:

- Network and share with other teachers in the valley
- Gain ideas for repertoire they can use in their studio
- Develop skill in giving positive yet constructive feedback
- Learn about leadership opportunities in our NATS Chapter

*The VSNATS Chapter Auditions follow all of the National Student Audition Guidelines.

WHERE: Valley Presbyterian Church

6947 E McDonald Dr, Paradise Valley, AZ 85253

WHEN: November 6-8th

Friday, November 6th — 4PM-9PM

Saturday, November 7th — 9AM - 6PM

Sunday, November 8th — Winner's Recitals TBD

Dates to Know:

August 31st	Registration OPENS!
October 1st	Deadline for Current Chapter Dues (Teachers Only)
October 9th	Registration CLOSES - Firm End Date
October 19th	Schedule Posted
October 25th	Refund Deadline

Categories of Entry: Classical, Musical Theatre, & Commercial Music

NATS Website Category Info: [CATEGORIES OF ENTRY](#)

Cost

- \$35 registration fee per category
- If there is any reason a student cannot attend their scheduled audition, between 10/19 and 10/25 they may request a refund (minus a transaction fee) for their registration. After 10/25, no refunds will be administered.

All fees must be paid in full before October 9th in order to be considered registered for the event.

Accompaniment

- Live pianists are required for Classical and Musical Theatre categories
- Commercial Music (CM) may use recorded tracks (with no background vocals) or pianists.
- CM students may accompany themselves on one song and the set may include one self composition.
- Staff Pianists will be available for an additional fee (\$50-60 per student per category) for teachers and students who do not have other arrangements.

Repertoire

- NATS has very specific requirements for repertoire and sheet music. Below are links to the National website that lay out all of the details.
 - [Musical Theatre NSA Category Resources](#)
 - [Commercial Music NSA Category Resources](#)
 - [NATS National Student Auditions Resource Center](#)
 - [NSA REGULATIONS](#) (You can find an overview of copyright guidelines and Classical rep requirements here)
 - High School participants may prepare 2 OR 3 selections per category - this is for our chapter only.

Questions, Comments, or Concerns?

[FAQ - National Student Auditions | National Association of Teachers of Singing](#)

Email Emily Benoit-Smith at auditionschair@vsnats.org if you have any questions not covered by the above link.

*Valley of the Sun NATS Chapter Auditions are standalone events that do not advance to the region or national levels. 2027 Cal-Western Region Conference and Auditions will be hosted by UNLV in Las Vegas Nevada, January 15-17, 2027. Registration for the video round of the Regional auditions will start sometime in October.