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Categories, Repertoire, and Terminology

Student Auditions Categories - North Dakota NATS Chapter

CATEGORY NUMBER AND NAME ■ Treble: Soprano, Mezzo-Soprano, Contralto and Countertenor ■ TBB: Tenor, Baritone, and Bass		LEVEL/LENGTH OF STUDY	AGE Range/ Limit	TIME in minutes
1	High School Music Theatre - Treble	No Limit	14-19	8
2	High School Music Theatre - TBB	No Limit	14-19	8
3	High School Classical - Treble	No Limit	14-19	8
4	High School Classical - TBB	No Limit	14-19	8
5	Lower College/Independent Studio Music Theatre - Treble	2 years study, post high school	20	10
6	Lower College/Independent Studio Music Theatre - TBB	2 years study, post high school	20	10
7A	First Year College/Independent Studio - Treble	1-2 semesters of study, post high school	20	10
8A	First Year College/Independent Studio - TBB	1-2 semesters of study, post high school	20	10
7B	Second Year College/Independent Studio - Treble	3-4 semesters of study, post high school	22	10
8B	Second Year College/Independent Studio - TBB	3-4 semesters of study, post high school	22	10
9	Upper College/Independent Studio Music Theater - Treble	3-5 years of study, post high school	25	12
10	Upper College/Independent Studio Music Theater - TBB	3-5 years of study, post high school	25	12
11A	Third Year College/Independent Studio - Treble	5-6 semesters of study, post high school	23	12
12A	Third Year College/Independent Studio - TBB	5-6 semesters of study, post high school	23	12
11B	4 th /5 th Year College/Independent Studio - Treble	7-10 semesters of study, post high school (all as undergraduate)	25	12
12B	4 th /5 th Year College/Independent Studio - TBB	7-10 semesters of study, post high school (all as undergraduate)	25	12
13	Advanced College/Independent Studio - Treble	4-7 years of study, post high school (as graduate)	22-30	15
14	Advanced College/Independent Studio - TBB	4-7 years of study, post high school (graduate)	22-30	15
15	Adult Beginner/Avocational	0-2 years of study	18-100	10
16	Adult Advanced/Avocational	3+ years of study	18-100	10

Repertoire Requirements by Category

All Repertoire must be sung from memory.

CATEGORY NUMBER & DESCRIPTION	REPERTOIRE REQUIREMENT
1, 2, 5, and 6 High School and Lower College/ Independent Studio Music Theater Categories	Three contrasting music theater selections from musicals (including film musicals), revues, operettas, music theater song cycles or music theater song literature. Only one selection may be chosen from operetta or music theater song literature.
3, 4, 7A, 7B, 8A and 8B High School and First and Second-Year College/ Independent Studio Classical Categories	Three contrasting selections from classical repertoire. One art song in English*. One art song in a foreign language. One additional art song or aria.
9 and 10 Upper College/Independent Studio Music Theater Categories	Four contrasting music theater selections from musicals (including film musicals), revues, operettas, music theater song cycles or music theater song literature. Only one selection may be chosen from operetta or music theater song literature.
11A, 11B, 12A, and 12B Third, Fourth, and Fifth Year College/ Independent Studio Classical Categories	Four contrasting selections from classical repertoire. One aria. One art song in English*. One foreign language art song. One additional selection. At least three languages must be represented.
13 and 14 Advanced College/Independent Studio Classical Categories	Five contrasting selections from classical repertoire. One operatic aria. One oratorio/cantata aria. One foreign language art song. One art song in English*. One additional selection from the classical repertoire. At least three languages must be represented.
15 and 16 Adult/Avocational Classical Categories	Three contrasting selections from classical repertoire. One art song in English*. One art song in a foreign language. One additional art song or aria.

One art song in English*. English must be the original language of the art song.

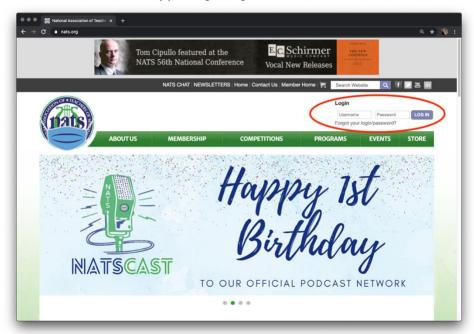
Common Student Auditions Terminology

Aria	An aria is a solo taken from an opera, oratorio, mass, cantata, zarzuela, operetta, or works titled "concert aria". Oxford Online definitions will be used for the purposes of this audition. For example, Purcell's selections from the semi-operas and masques are considered songs.	
24/26/28 Italian Art Songs and Arias	The repertoire found in the 24/26/28 Italian Art Songs and Arias collections may be counted as an aria or an art song in the high school and lower college classical categories. For the singers in the upper college categories and beyond, these pieces may count as an art song ONLY, regardless of origin. Any repertoire found outside of these collections will be considered only as the composer intended, as an art song OR aria.	
Transposition Classical Categories	All arias from opera, oratorio, mass, cantata, operetta, works titled "concert aria," or music theater selections must be sung in the original or standard published key.	
Transposition Music Theater Categories	Music Theater selections in college categories and older must be sung in the original or standard published key. High school singers and younger may use published transposed keys to accommodate voice change issues only. Any published transposition must retain the composer's intention and style of music, and preserve the character being portrayed in the story and lyrics.	
Judicious Cuts Classical Categories	I allowed as in common performance practice. Lifts of Verse or Verses of selections	
Judicious Cuts Music Theater Categories	Piano introductions, piano interludes, piano music after the vocal solo is completed, and internal cuts of music theater selections are allowed as in common performance practice. Cuts of verse or verses of selections are not allowed. In the case of strophic pieces, all verses should remain that are traditionally included.	

A complete list of Student Auditions Terminology can be found on pp. 11-12 of the most recent version of NATS Student Auditions Regulations (August 2020).

Navigating to Auditionware

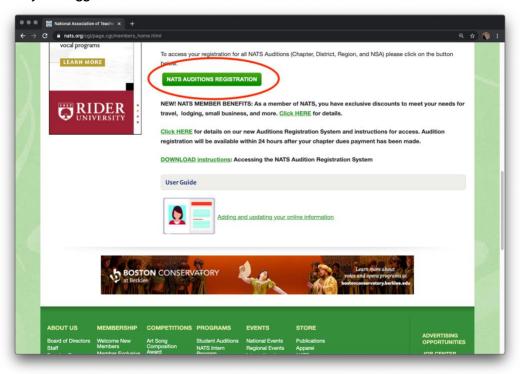
- 1. Open your web browser (Safari, Firefox, Chrome, etc.) and go to www.nats.org.
- 2. Login to your member account in the upper right sign-in boxes.



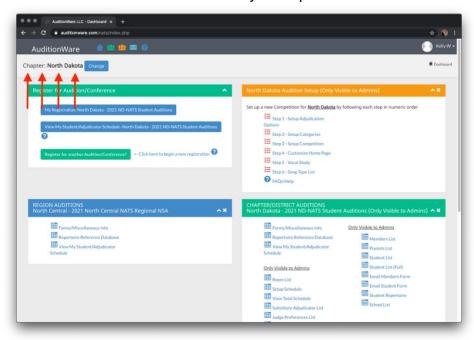
3. Click on the tab "Member Home" at the top of the page.



4. Scroll down the Member Home page and click on the green button labeled "NATS AUDITIONS REGISTRATION" This will take you to Auditionware's website. You will automatically be logged in.

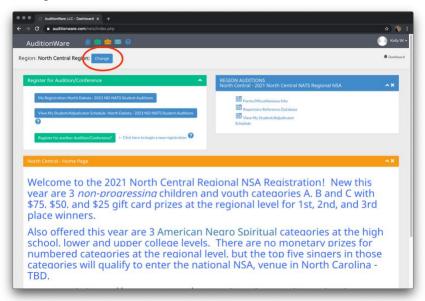


5. Check to make sure you're in the North Dakota Chapter's. Look at the top of the page under the words "Auditionware" and make sure it says "Chapter: North Dakota."

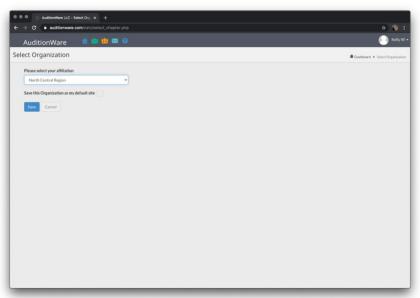


• If you are already in North Dakota's Chapter page, proceed to step 6.

• If you did not arrive on the North Dakota's Chapter page, click on the blue button labeled "Change."



 On the Select Organization page, choose "North Dakota" from the drop down menu labeled "Please select your affiliation."

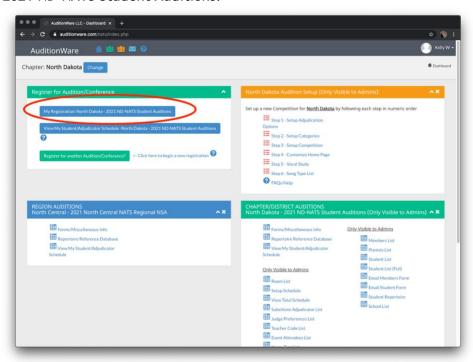




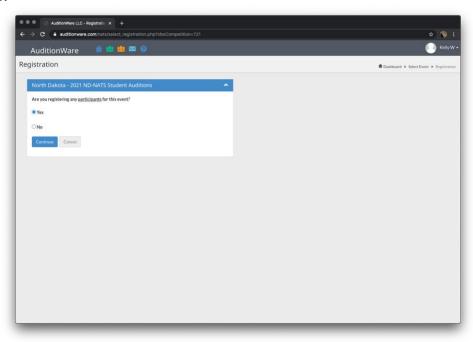
• Click on the "Save" button. This will take you to the North Dakota Chapter's page in Auditionware.

Registering Your Students/Participants

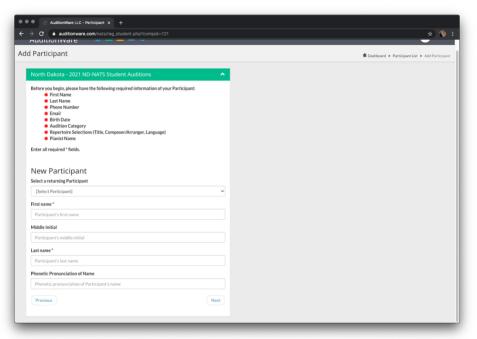
6. On the left side of your screen, click on the blue button labeled "My Registration: North Dakota - 2021 ND-NATS Student Auditions."



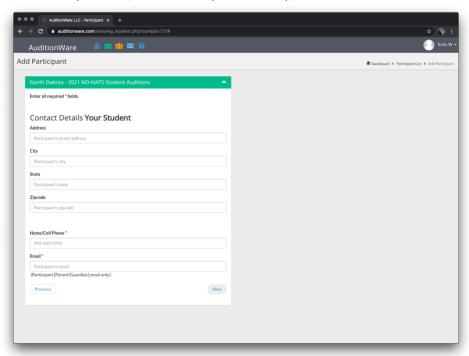
7. Select "Yes" on the question "Are you registering any <u>participants</u> for this event?" and click "Continue."



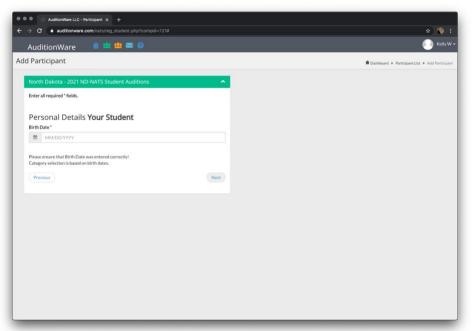
8. Choose a returning student's name from the drop-down menu under "Select a Returning Participant" OR enter the name of a New Participant in the appropriate fields. Click "Next."



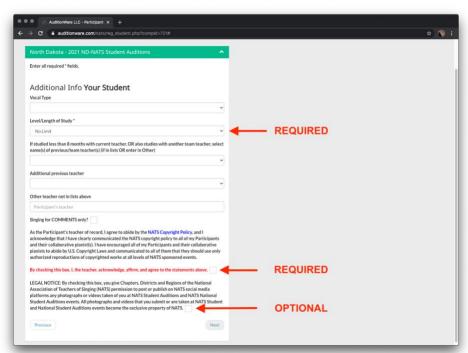
9. Provide a valid Phone Number and E-Mail address for your student. Click "Next." Note: All other fields are optional (Address, City, State, Zip).



10. Provide your student's Birth Date. Click "Next."

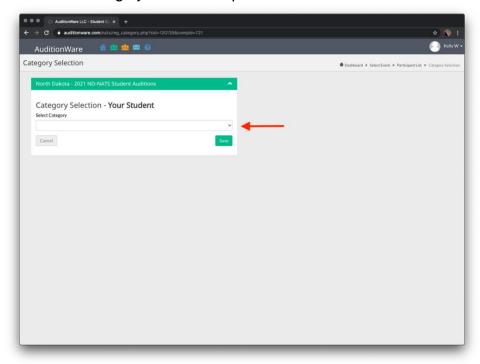


11. Choose the Level/Length of Study for your student and click on the boxes at the bottom of the page regarding the NATS Copyright Policy and the Legal Notice. Click "Next."

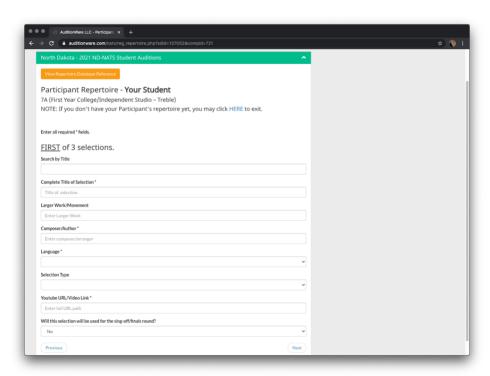


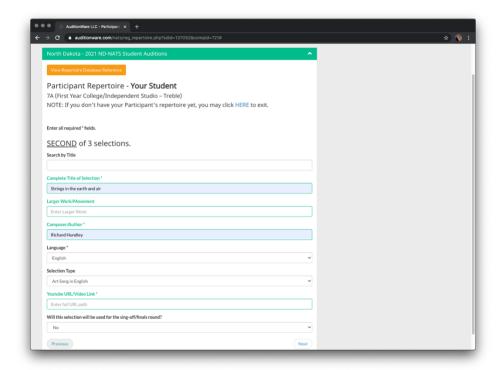
12. You will receive a notice that shows your student's name and a message stating "Data Saved!" Click "Continue."

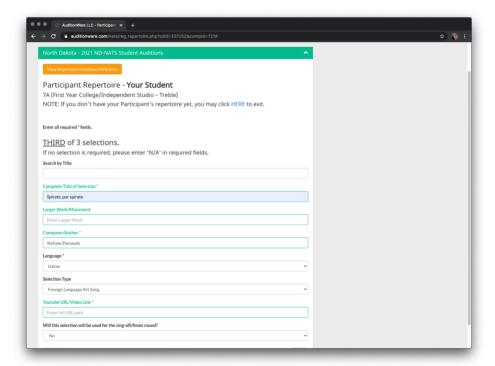
13. Choose your student's first category from the drop-down menu.



14. On the next *several* pages, enter your student's repertoire. There will be one page for each selection that is required for their category. [High School and Lower College categories=3 selections; Upper College=4; Advanced=5; Adult=3]

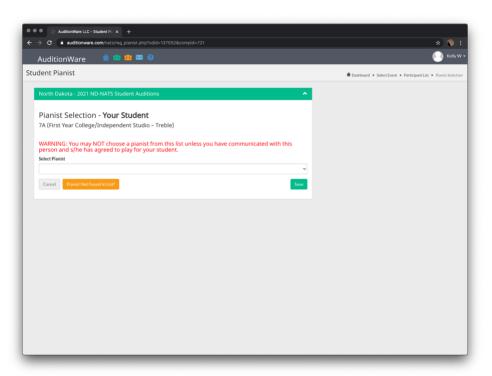


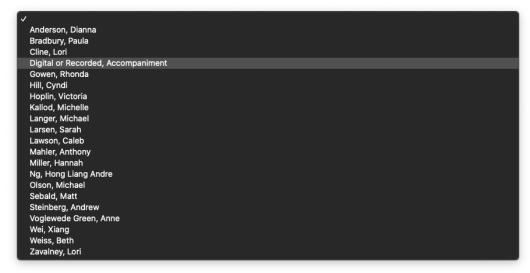




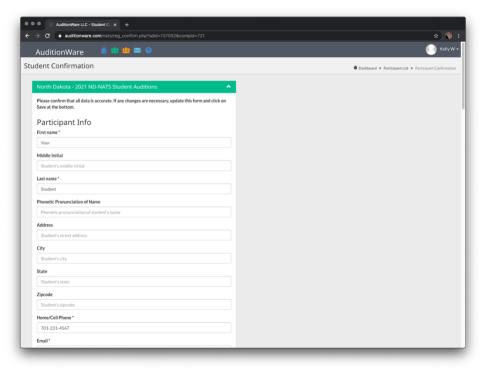
15. On the Add Pianist page, click "Continue."

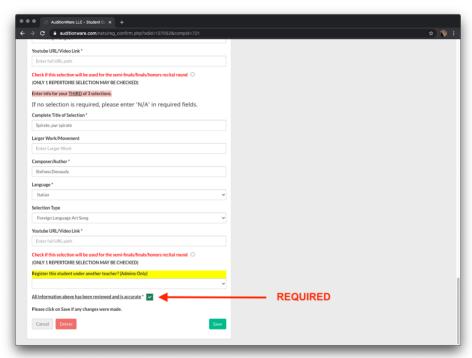
16. Choose your pianist from the drop-down menu and click "Save." This year, pianists may play for as many students as they would like because it will not affect scheduling. There is also an option in the menu for "Digital or Recorded Accompaniment" if your student is performing with pre-recorded accompaniments or services such as Appcompanist, Hal-Leonard accompaniment tracks, SmartMusic, etc. Note: If your student's pianist is not listed in the drop-down menu, you can add them by clicking on the yellow button labeled "Pianist Not Found in List?" and following those prompts.



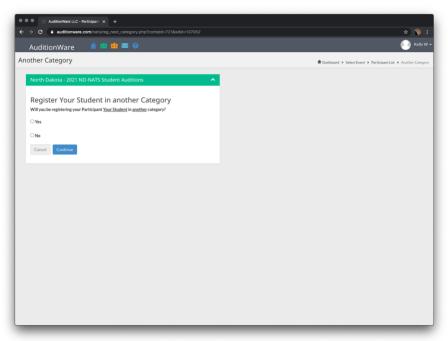


17. Review your student's registration details, and make sure to check the box at the bottom of the page stating "All information has been reviewed and is accurate." Click "Save."

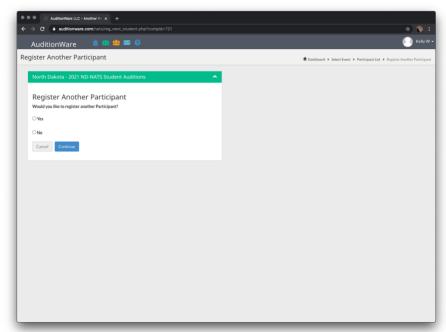




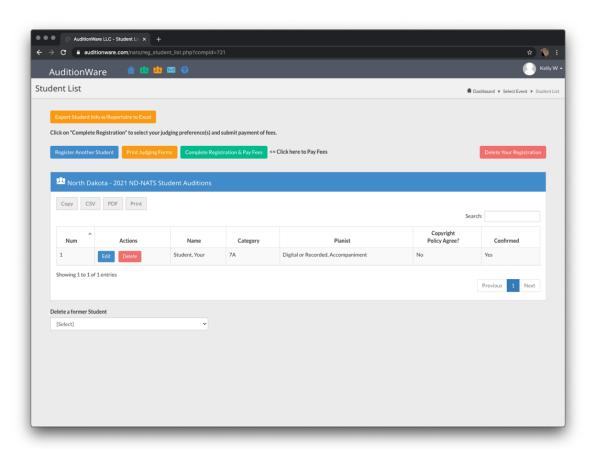
- 18. Register [Your Student] in another Category.
 - Select "Yes" if the student is participating in both classical and musical theatre categories. Repeat steps 13-18 for the second category. Click "Continue."
 - Select "No" if the student will not participate in another category. Go to Step 19. Click "Continue."



- 19. Register Another Participant.
 - Select "Yes" if you have additional students you wish to register. Repeat steps
 6-18 for each student. Click "Continue."
 - Select "No" if you have no more students to register. Click "Continue." Go to step 20.

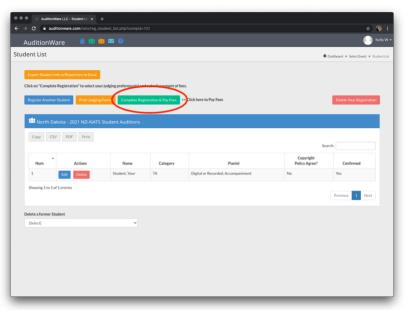


- 20. You will be brought to a page with a table listing all the students/participants you have registered. This is usually a good stopping-point for most members who are registering multiple students/participants, but do not have all the necessary information.
 - If you still have students to register but do not have all their information, you may log out of and exit the Auditionware website. You will not lose any saved information for students you have already registered. You can always come back to Auditionware to edit existing registrations or add other students/participants up until the Registration Deadline.
 - To register another student at a later time, click on the blue button labeled "Register Another Student" and repeat steps 6-18.
 - To edit an existing student/participant, click on the blue button labeled "Edit" next to their name. This is useful for changing repertoire choices.
 - To log out of Auditionware, click on your name in the upper right corner of the page, and then click on log out in the drop-down menu. You will be returned to the national NATS website.
 - If you have finished entering <u>all</u> of your students' registration information, you can complete your registration and pay your fees. Go to step 21 in the next section of this document to read directions.



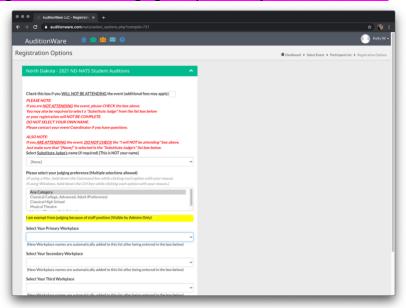
Completing Your Registration & Paying Fees

- 21. If you have logged out of Auditionware, please log back in. Go to steps 1-5 for instructions and then return to this section of the document.
- 22. From the Auditionware Student List page, click on the green button labeled "Complete Registration & Pay Fees."

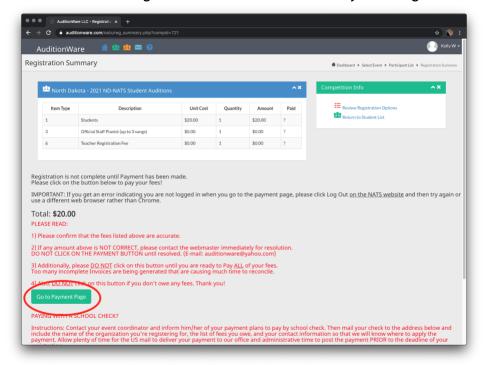


23. On the Registration Options page, select your judging preferences and your institution(s)/studio(s), if applicable). Click "Next."

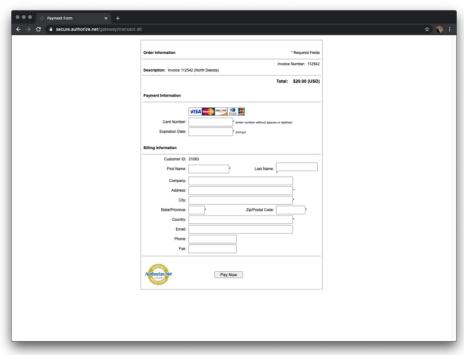
IMPORTANT NOTE: ONLY tick the box "<u>WILL NOT BE ATTENDING</u>" IF you are <u>not</u> going to judge. You will be charged a \$100 fee. Judging is expected if you enter students.



24. Click on "Continue" on the next page. You should arrive on the Registration Summary page. This page will review your registration options and give you a line itemization and total of your fees. Click on the green button labeled "Go to Payment Page."



25. You will be redirected to a secure payment page. Enter your payment information and click "Pay Now." A receipt will be emailed to you from the national office.



Questions/Contact the VP and Auditions Chair

If you have any questions regarding this process, please feel free to contact the Vice President and Auditions Chair for North Dakota NATS:

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