

Adjudication sheets will be submitted through www.auditionware.com. Teachers will be able to view and print comment sheets by November 30th and may distribute them to students as they are available.

VOCAL SHOWCASE FAQs

How do I register?

NATS Ontario Members must register their students via www.auditionware.com using the email account that is on file with NATS Ontario Chapter to login. **You must use an email OTHER than the account currently associated with www.nats.org.** Follow prompts to register for the Vocal Showcase. All previous student data should be saved under your account. Do NOT pay fees until completely finished entering ALL singer registrations, as this completes and closes your registration. For troubleshooting or login issues, or to set up an account, email auditions@natsontario.org

Non-NATS members can create an Auditionware account via our coordinator. Please email auditions@natsontario.org for a login. There is an additional registration fee of \$50.00 when entering singers for non-NATS members.

What are the entry fees for different age levels?

Ages 6 - 12 = \$25
Ages 13 - 18 = \$30
Ages 19 and over = \$35

What is the fee for NATS Ontario Members and non-members who send students to the 'Live or Virtual' Vocal Showcases but who are unable to adjudicate?

If a member is unable to attend either the 'live and/or virtual' Vocal Showcase as an Adjudicator but is sending students to live and/or virtual, there is an Absentee Adjudicator Fee as follows:

\$15.00/student for NATS members; \$18.00/student for non-NATS members OR
\$50.00 minimum fee if entering 1 - 3 students

Add your absentee fee to your registration total before processing through Paypal.
Please email auditions@natsontario.org AND treasurer@natsontario.org so we are aware of your absentia.

Teachers may be excused from these fees **if they replace themselves for the day of adjudicating** with a colleague. Teachers working as replacement adjudicators need not be NATS members. Teachers who are unable to adjudicate must email the coordinator **no later than the registration deadline** and must either pay the fee or report a replacement adjudicator. Withdrawal after the registration deadline requires that the teacher find a suitable replacement and inform the coordinator. Replacement adjudicators should have substantial teaching experience in classical, musical theatre, popular voice/commercial music and be a suitable replacement for that judge's skill level.

Please email auditions@natsontario.org AND treasurer@natsontario.org so we are aware of your absence.

Teachers may be excused from these fees **if they replace themselves for the day of adjudicating** with a colleague. Teachers working as replacement adjudicators need not be NATS members. Teachers who are unable to adjudicate must email the coordinator **no later than the registration deadline** and must either pay the fee or report a replacement adjudicator. Withdrawal after the registration deadline requires that the teacher find a suitable replacement and inform the coordinator. Replacement adjudicators should have substantial teaching experience in classical, musical theatre, popular voice/commercial music and be a suitable replacement for that judge's skill level.

How should the registration/entry fees be paid?

Applications are online at www.auditionware.com

ONLY once your application for ALL students is complete, click "PAY FEES" to be redirected to the payment site through Paypal. NATS Ontario's Paypal site requires you to enter your total fees, non-member fees and any substitute fees.

Scholarships and other donations can be paid via the Paypal button on the natsontario.org site OR sent by cheque made out to "NATS Ontario" and mailed to the NATS Ontario Treasurer (see address below). Tax receipts will be issued for all donations of \$20.00 and over.

NATS Ontario Vocal Showcase, c/o Mike Fan, 208 Queens Quay #305, Toronto, ON, M5J 2Y5

Can students access the registration page and register themselves?

The registration page is a **Members Only** page. Each teacher must input personal information (address/phone #/email) for each of their students in their Member Profile. If a student is given access to their Teacher's Member Profile, they will also be able to access all other students' applications and personal information. Allowing students to use this site is a violation of Privacy Laws and is discouraged. Non-members need to contact the [Vocal Showcase coordinator](#) for access and information re the registration page.

Do students need an accompanist?

Each student is required to bring their own accompanist (unless self-accompanying or using a backtrack for popular voice/commercial music only) OR pay a \$40 or \$60 fee, depending on the numbers of songs they are performing and age level, to use one of the Official Accompanists (OA) provided by NATS Ontario. All OA's

are listed on the NATS Ontario website and singers can contact an accompanist directly OR can choose an accompanist when registering. You must indicate that you require an OA and pay the fee with the original registration. The \$40 - \$60 fee includes a 10 - 20 minute scheduled rehearsal time on the day of the Vocal Showcase. A rehearsal schedule will be sent via email including the contact information of the OA several weeks in advance. OA's may request to have music pdfs emailed or mailed to them in advance.

Accompanists may play for a maximum of seven singers per day. Teachers may NOT accompany their own students.

What is the charge for Official Accompanists per class?

Classical Voice

CV01-07	\$40	10 minute rehearsal
CV08 - 19	\$60	20 minute rehearsal
CV22-29	\$60	20 minute rehearsal
CV20 -21	\$80	30 minute rehearsal

Musical Theatre

MT01-05	\$40	10 minute rehearsal
MT06-27	\$60	20 minute rehearsal

Popular/CM

CM01-06	\$40	10 minute rehearsal
CM07-16	\$60	20 minute rehearsal

When is the deadline for registration?

Registration opens August 31 each year

Registration closes October 31, 2022 at 11:59pm for LIVE SHOWCASE

Registration closes on November 5, 2022 at 11:59pm for VIRTUAL SHOWCASE

Videos are also due on the deadline date- have all YouTube links ready when you submit registration. You can save your registrations, so you can start them any time after August 31st and add information until November 5th.

Are original scores required? How many?

Yes. One original score must be present, and visible for each song presented except for songs written by the performer. See information for 'Live' and 'Virtual' Showcases in rules and regulations for more information on copyright.

What is the daily schedule overview for the 'Live' Vocal Showcase?

8:00 am Registration opens
8:30 am Official Accompanist 20 min rehearsals begin
9:30 am Judges meeting
10:00 am Classes begin
3:30 pm Approximate ending of all classes and Scholarship distribution
4:00 pm Approximate time of the Winners Showcase Concert

Where will the 'Live' Vocal Showcase be held in November 2022?

Western University, London, Ontario

Where can singers rehearse with the accompanist they have brought with them? Where are practice rooms?

All available practise rooms may be used by NATS singers. No practise rooms will be designated for a specific singer or accompanist (except Official Accompanists).

Singers who choose to use an Official Accompanist will be given a 10 - 20 minute rehearsal time, most likely in the morning, on the day of the Vocal Showcase.

Signage will indicate where practice rooms are and how to access them on the day of the Vocal Showcase. Singers should take no more than 15 minutes in these rooms as a courtesy.

Can I watch my entire class? What should students do when they are finished singing?

Students are free to watch other classes and/or visit the Recruitment and Vendors Fair. Students (as well as parents and guests) are encouraged to attend the entire class or other classes. Please only enter or exit between singers. Schedules of each class are posted outside rooms in use or at the registration desk.

How will students receive their adjudications?

When all participants have sung in a class, adjudications are sent to the Tabulation Room. After processing, the adjudications will be available on a table close to the Registration Desk. This process may take up to one hour following the final performance in the class. Students are responsible to pick up their adjudications before leaving for the day.

Virtual adjudications will be available through auditionware.com. Teachers can access their students' comments and placements via the software and/or through natsontario.org as we publish results.

When will students know if they are singing in the Winners Showcase Concert?

Winner's names and placements in each category will be posted on the Results Board near the Registration Desk approximately one hour following the performance of the final singer in their class.

While only 1st Place Winners sing in the Final Concert, 2nd Place Winners should attend the Winners Showcase Concert in case the 1st place winner cannot attend. Students invited to sing in the Winners Showcase Concert are responsible to ensure that their accompanist is available to play for the Winners Showcase Concert. Students using an Official Accompanist must pay an additional fee of \$25 directly to their OA for the Winners Showcase Concert performance.

The Virtual Winners Showcase Concert will be presented via YouTube by December 1.

What is appropriate attire?

Appropriate audition/performance attire is encouraged.

How will students receive their scholarship money?

1st and 2nd place students will sign for and receive their scholarships at approximately 3:30 p.m. near the registration desk. Teachers may also sign for their students if necessary.

For the Virtual Vocal Showcase, winners' cheques will be mailed to the teachers for distribution.

Who should students thank for their scholarship money?

Winning students should write thank you notes or emails to the scholarship provider. NATS Ontario will provide this information in the congratulatory letters accompanying scholarships.

Who can progress to Great Lakes Regional Auditions?

Any student of a NATS teacher may enter the Great Lakes Regional Auditions. Winning the NATS Ontario Vocal Showcase is not a requirement.

When will teachers receive YouTube links and comment sheets for adjudicating the Virtual Vocal Showcase?

Teachers who are adjudicating will be sent more information about how comment sheets are to be completed. Teachers will be assigned a category of singers and will submit their comment sheets via www.auditionware.com. Teachers will have approximately 10 days to complete adjudications and will be given a deadline date.