

## NATS Central Region Conference



### TOPICAL BREAKFAST

## NATS in the next 75 Years

Discussion leader: Allen Henderson

### **ABSTRACT:**

Converse with Allen Henderson, executive director of NATS about the future of our profession and our association. NATS is currently developing a strategic plan which will drive our work for the next 3-5 years and over 50 NATS members are involved in leading conversations and developing action plans to measure the effectiveness of our work. What do you think is important? How can or should NATS support you as a voice professional? In what important new directions should we direct our energies. Allen will have some data from the results of our recent member climate survey to share as well.

### **PRESENTER BIO:**

Versatile artist, teacher, arts administrator, and baritone **Allen Henderson** is currently Executive Director of the National Association of Teachers of Singing (NATS), the world's largest professional association of voice teachers, supervising a talented staff in promoting continuing education for voice teachers; publishing a recognized scholarly journal, *Journal of Singing*; and promoting voice education among a wide array of constituencies, from recreational singers to voice educators and medical doctors. In this position he also serves as administrator for the International Congress of Voice Teachers held every four years at locations around the world. He is also Professor of Music at Georgia Southern University where he teaches voice and foreign language diction. He holds degrees from Carson Newman College (BM) where he was the outstanding graduate in music, The University of Tennessee (MM), and the College-Conservatory of Music at the University of Cincinnati (DMA) where his minor was in Arts Administration and he was winner of the Corbett-Treigle Opera Competition. As baritone soloist, Dr. Henderson has appeared in concert, opera, and oratorio with opera companies and symphonies around the US. A district winner and regional finalist in the Metropolitan Opera auditions, Henderson was winner of the 1995 National Federation of Music Clubs Artist Awards. He can be heard on Aeolian Records release entitled *Dimensions* and on his world premier recording with guitarist Stanley Yates entitled *Shadows* featuring works by John Rutter, Michael Fink, and Castelnuovo-Tedesco. As an author and creator, Henderson conceived of and is executive editor of the "So You Want to Sing..." series published by Rowman and Littlefield.