

NC ASTA NEWS

Alla Corda—NC Chapter Newsletter

April 2018

First Annual NC-ASTA All-State Clinic

The North Carolina American String Teachers Association All-State Orchestra Festival will be held on May 12, 2018 on the campus of Forsyth Country Day School with a concert in the auditorium beginning at 5:00PM

Students will have the privilege of working with nationally renowned orchestra conductor Dr. Jim Waddelow, who will serve as clinician for the event. Student will also have masterclasses and sectionals conducted by the UNCSCA String Faculty!

60 students will be participating, they were selected from over 150 video submissions. The program will include:

Svendsen: Two Swedish Folk Melodies

Haydn Symphony No. 27 in G

Leroy Anderson: Jazz Pizzicato



Dr. Jim Waddelow is Music Director and Conductor of the Raleigh Symphony Orchestra. He also serves Meredith College as Director of Instrumental Activities.



NC ASTA Social at ASTA National Conference

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Donny Walter presents on technology at ASTA National Conference

NC-ASTA Wins Most Improved State Chapter

NC-ASTA was well represented at the national ASTA Conference in Atlanta from March 7 - 10. NC-ASTA members presented sessions, participated in panel discussions, and performed in master classes throughout the conference. In addition, NC-ASTA hosted our 2nd Annual Social Hour at the national conference and had a large group gather at Meehan's Public House a couple blocks from the conference center. It was a great opportunity to talk with others from North Carolina and celebrate our accomplishments. NC-ASTA also was recognized during the State Leaders Workshop at the conference as the Most Improved State Chapter.

NC ASTACAP Examinations

Announcing three NC ASTACAP examination locations this Spring!

Date: April 21st, 2018
 Broadview Middle School
 2229 Broadview Dr
 Burlington NC 27217

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Date: May 12th 2018
 Hayes School of Music-Appalachian State University
 Broyhill Music Center
 813 Rivers Street (2nd floor - rm 225, 204, 206))
 Boone, NC 28608

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Date: May 19th, 2018

Myers Park High School - Music Building
 2400 Colony Rd
 Charlotte, NC 28209

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NC-ASTA Student Recital

We have another new event planned for this spring. The NC-ASTA Student Recital will take place on Sunday, May 27 at 3 PM in the Carswell Recital Hall at Meredith College in Raleigh. This event will be for students of NC-ASTA members to perform in a joint recital and is geared primarily for studio teachers who have smaller studios and want a chance for their students to perform in a larger recital. It is, however, open to students of any NC-ASTA member. We are viewing this as a pilot event, and based on how it goes this year and the interest generated by it, we will consider expanding it to additional locations. Check out our website nc-asta.org for more information.



Bill Slechta and Aaron Craven accept Most Improved Chapter Award for NC ASTA

A Message from the President

1. Please continue to go to our website (nc-asta.org) for information about our upcoming events and other news. It is being updated frequently to be your one-stop for information about our organization.
2. We have 3 sites for the NC-ASTA CAP program this spring. Please see the ASTA-CAP article for more information.
3. College Students -- please check our website for details about the collegiate scholarship. We would like to receive lots of applications.
4. The Solo Competition is not going to take place this year. We have been working on instituting some changes to this event, and we feel that it will be better to wait and unveil the new format and details in time for next year's competition.
5. We had over a 10% increase in our membership from September through February, and we were one of only 5 state chapters to achieve that big an increase. We appreciate all of you helping us share what we do as a state chapter with those who are not members and encouraging them to join our organization.
6. The first-ever NC-ASTA All-State String Orchestra Festival is coming up in May. Please see the separate article on this event for details.
- 7.. As noted in the article about the ASTA Conference, we received the Most Improved State Chapter Award for this year. I want to thank all of you for all you do to support our organization and the events that we sponsor. Without your membership and participation, we could not offer the types of activities and events that we sponsor each year in addition to being able to expand our programs as we have been able to do this year. It has been really wonderful this year to have members volunteer to help out with our new events and to provide assistance for some of our continuing events. Please continue to reach out by email (wcslechta@yahoo.com) with suggestions or ideas for our state chapter, and join us on Facebook (NC ASTA) and Twitter (@nc_asta) as we share the good things that are happening in string education in North Carolina.

Thank you for all you do for our state organization!

Keep Sending in Great Content!

This is a great place to publicize all the great things going on with strings in North Carolina, submit anything you would like to see published using this link: <http://goo.gl/forms/jHtf9Y6vga>

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