

2021 OHIO NATS VIRTUAL STUDENT AUDITIONS

JUDGING PROTOCOLS

*Everything you ever wanted to know about judging virtual auditions but were afraid to ask
But please ask if you do have questions!*

Judging Guidance from NATS

- [Adjudicator Instruction Video](#) (0:17:48)
- [The Art of Being a Great Adjudicator](#) (1:04:08)
- **(NEW)** [Tips for adjudicating music theater categories of the NATS Student Auditions](#) (46:17)

Judging Period

- October 23 -31, 2021
- Please complete your judging on or before October 31 by 8 pm.

Prior to Judging

- Because we have limited each category to three selections, *please watch each video in its entirety if it is near the listed time limit*
- All repertoire has been checked for compliance in each category
- We have cleared our repertoire questions with the National Office
- Please do not spend time or energy checking repertoire compliance
- Each link has been tested to ensure it is working properly
- All videos have been checked to ensure that no teacher or school name appears
- Some students did not announce their name and piece at the beginning of the video, but chose to add their name and title of their piece into the video
- We are accepting these videos as compliant and qualified
- Please do not disqualify these videos
- All videos passed on to you are compliant with the regulations set forth by NATS
- There is no need for a “Head Judge” this year. The labels “Judge 1, Judge 2, and Judge 3” have absolutely no significance of hierarchy. You are all equally important!
- If you judge a student from your school who studies with a colleague, don't fret. This is perfectly fine!
- It can be beneficial to wear headphones/earbuds when listening to the videos

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Viewing Your Adjudicator Schedule & Judging Your Category/Categories

- You will not receive an email with your schedule this year! Instead, you will be able to view your adjudication schedule in Auditionware
- To view your schedule, login to your Member Home page on the [NATS.org](https://www.nats.org) website (top of the page or click on your email address)
- Scroll down and click on the **green** "NATS Auditions Registration" button
- Under the "CHAPTER/DISTRICT AUDITIONS Ohio - 2021 Ohio NATS Virtual Student Auditions" heading, click on "View My Students/Adjudicator Schedule"
- Scroll down the page to the YouTube video links
- Click on the video links and watch the 3 videos for each student
- To enter your comments and scores, click on the "Add" button next to each student's name
- To save judging comments and scores, click on the "Submit" button
- You may always return to any student's form to add more comments, edit comments, or update your scores. Click on the "Submit" button to save these changes
- If you return to a student's score sheet to make changes or additions, the "Add" button will now say "Edit"
- Make sure you push "Submit" after you complete your task
- Remember - "Submit" = "Save"

Category Scoring

- Auditionware will not allow us to rank students as we typically do (1, 2, 3, etc...)
- We must use numerical scores to determine the winners in each category
- Please use your highest score for the singer you want to be in first place, and so forth
- Every singer you judge must receive a numerical score
- Auditionware will tally the scores for us.
- Let us all thank Brad Mills, father of Auditionware

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Comment Sheets

- Teachers will access their students' comment sheets (pdf files) *after* the event end date from the “My Account” button on their dashboard page at NATS.org

Winners' Checks

- Winners' checks and certificates will be mailed to the teacher at the address provided to the Ohio NATS Chapter
- If your mailing address is incorrect in our database, please do the following:
 - Go to your “Member Homepage” at NATS.org
 - Click on “My Profile” (top of left menu)
 - Click the “Update My Addresses” button (third button)
 - Click “Click to Update” ([green link](#))
 - Update your information and push “Submit”

Virtual Auditions Information Hub

- All information regarding the Virtual Auditions is available on the [Ohio Chapter Website](#)