

CSU VOCAL STUDENTS HAVE EXCELLENT SHOWING AT COLORADO/ WYOMING NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF TEACHERS OF SINGING COMPETITION



James Baumgardner

On April 5, 2008 Colorado State University vocal students participated in the annual Colorado & Wyoming [National Association of Teachers of Singing](#) (NATS) competition in Boulder, Colorado. The National Association of Teachers of Singing is a nonprofit organization dedicated to encouraging the highest standards of singing through excellence in teaching and the promotion of vocal education and research both for professional advancement of the talented and the enrichment of the general public. With over 5,600 members in the United States, Canada, and over 24 foreign countries, NATS is the largest association of teachers of singing in the world.

Singing in the Annual NATS Competition is a valuable experience for students, performing for judges and receiving feedback on their performance. Universities, colleges, community colleges and private teachers from across both states enter their students to compete with over 500 high school, college, and adult students entered this year. CSU students did extremely well at 2008 NATS, placing in every undergraduate category entered.

The following are awards won by CSU students:

Freshman Men, Classical: 2nd Place – Joshua Savage

Freshman Women, Classical: 2nd Place - Jaleesa McIntosh; Honorable Mention – Arianne Jenkins

Sophomore Men, Classical: 2nd Place – Cody Laun; Honorable Mention – Will Ostendorf

Sophomore Women, Classical: 2nd Place – Laura Begley

Junior Women, Classical: Honorable Mention – Rebekah Gray

Senior Men, Classical: 1st Place – James Baumgardner (pictured); 2nd Place – Stuart Dameron; 3rd Place – John Lindsey

Senior Women, Classical: 1st Place – Erin Voorhies; 3rd Place – Ashley Baker

Adult, Classical: Mary Sue Rowan

Freshman Men, Musical Theater: 1st Place – Joshua Savage; 2nd Place – Shane Miles; Honorable Mention – Todd Resseguie

Freshman Women, Musical Theater: 1st Place- Crystal Phillips; Honorable Mention – Chaazi Munyanya

Sophomore Men, Musical Theater: Honorable Mention – Will Osterdorf

Sophomore Women, Musical Theater: Honorable Mention – Megan Pickerell; Honorable Mention- Diana Young-Murray

Senior Men, Musical Theater: 1st Place – Stuart Dameron

Senior Women, Musical Theater: 1st Place – Ashley Baker; 3rd Place – Erin Voorhies

Adult Musical Theater: 2nd Place - Belinda Purdum

The vocal division would like to recognize and thank the following piano accompanists for their collaborative efforts throughout the competition: Bryce Boynton, Amy Chase, Katherine Costanza, Madeline Greeb, Elvin Holderfield, Donna Lewis, Elizabeth Ogg, Gay Slade, and Karen Stody.

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