VASTA CONFERENCE 2003, NEW YORK
by Judylee Vivier, Conference Planner

The Voice and Speech Trainers Association will hold its annual conference this year in the Big Apple at Marymount Manhattan College directly following the ATHE conference. Our theme, VOICE & RITUAL: BEYOND THE SPOKEN WORD focuses on the extension of the emotionally connected voice beyond the spoken word into song and other vocal expression. VASTA brings three voice experts who apply a hands-on interactive approach to explore the extension of the emotionally connected voice beyond the spoken word into song and other vocal expression.

The presenters include: Richard Armstrong, actor, director, and master teacher, will present his organic and physically rooted approach to the extended voice. Marya Lowry, an actress and voice teacher at Brandeis University, brings us her research on lamentation. Dr. Wendy DeLeo LeBorgne, a voice pathologist and singing specialist, will focus more on a traditional approach to singing and the integration of the speaking and singing voice.

The conference begins on Monday August 4th and runs until Thursday August 7th. The official VASTA hotel is The Franklin Hotel on East 87th.

Vastavox Archives
By Eric Armstrong

To access the Vastavox Archives, go to: http://listserv.cwis.uci.edu/archives/vastavox/past_archives/ and systematically choose dates for archives (they’re roughly monthly). Once in an archive, you use the “Find . . .” command in your browser (command F on a mac), and search by title or person.
Visit <vasta.org>, the VASTA website. The site is laid out in a series of areas: News & Updates, Resources, Communication & Publications, Professional Index, & Membership.

Recent additions to the site include:

- updates to the Internet Links to Voice by Amy Stoller.
- details of VASTA's Conference 2003 “Voice & Ritual: Beyond the Spoken Word” to be held in New York City, August 2003. An application is available online too!
- how to contact Dr. Yolanda Heman-Ackah, VASTA’s newly appointed Medical Advisor.
- information on the VASTA mentor program.
- a means for International VASTA members to pay membership/renewals via credit card over the internet through PayPal.
- A link to the VASTA Online store where you can buy a VASTA logo t-shirt, or mug!

All links are accessible from http://www.vasta.org/

submitted by Eric Armstrong, VASTA Director of Technology/Internet Services.

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Street, a bus or subway ride to and from Marymount Manhattan College. The registration fee will be $120.00 for members, $60.00 for students, and $200.00 for non-members. More information is available on the VASTA website at http://www.vasta.org/. Judylee Vivier, the Director of Conferences for VASTA 2003-2004, expects to mail out brochures in March 2003 to those who have requested information or are on the VASTA mailing list.