

Houston Area Chapter News

The 45th Annual Symposium: Care of the Professional Voice, June 1 – June 5, 2016, Philadelphia, PA

The Annual meeting of The Voice Foundation was held in Philadelphia last weekend, with great involvement by our members, and topped off with a gala honoring Catherine Malfitano, Chita Rivera, Paulo Szot, and Drexel University President John Fry. The highlight was Sharon Radionoff's performance!

- [Nandhu Radhakrishnank PhD](#) presented "Reading versus perception in voice analysis," and "Voice analysis of asymptomatic high-risk voice users"
- [Joe Evans PhD](#) had 3 presentations: "Aerobic exercise as a warm-up for singing: Acoustic impacts," "The use of inexpensive technology to evaluate singers auditioning for voice graduate programs," and "The ecological validity of the singing power ratio: Comparison across venues."
- [Ken Altman MD PhD](#) presented "A comparison of VHI-10 scores and voice grade in 450 patients across different levels of voice users."
- [Sharon Radionoff PhD](#) and [Apurva Thekdi MD](#) presented "Ehlers-Danlos syndrome, postural orthostatic tachycardia syndrome, dysautonomia and the young singer."





Workshops were held at the Academy for Vocal Arts, and involved demonstrations and group participation with a number of fun areas. Bonnie Raphael PhD presented in the historic theater on “Doing the wrong things the right way.” Amelia Rollings PhD had an awesome demonstration on “Teaching strategies for functional musical theater group voice classes,” with students ranging from 13 to 23. And Diane Gaary MFA involved our group with the Lessac Kinesensic training for articulation using rhythmic musicality. There were many other great sessions as well.



Philadelphia is a great place to visit in the spring! We encourage you to attend ***The 46th Annual Symposium: Care of the Professional Voice***, May 31 – June 4, 2017, Philadelphia Westin: <https://voicefoundation.org/events/annual-symposium/>

Our next meeting will be in mid-August (date TBD) at 6:00pm at the Baylor McNair Campus, 7200 Cambridge St. (near Old Spanish Trail), Houston, TX 77030 first floor Conference Rooms. Enter the driveway on Cambridge, make the first left towards the McNair building, and go into the underground parking. We'll try to expand our presentations to 5 cases, and please be in touch with Ken Altman if you would like to be on the schedule



Chapter Mission: To build a broader community of laryngologists, speech & language pathologists, singing coaches and voice trainers in order to create a venue for discussing challenges in the care of the patient with complex voice and related disorders.

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