

Nancy Jantsch, President of Buckeye NATS

Nancy Jantsch has served as Secretary-Treasurer of the Buckeye NATS since 2005. She was introduced to NATS by her mentor, Karen Peeler at The Ohio State University, and was a NATS intern in 2001 at the University of Dayton. She served also as Board President of the Vocal Arts Resource Network (VARN) from 2001 to 2005.

Teaching Experience:

After receiving her BME at Baldwin Wallace College, Nancy began as a public school music teacher in the Twinsburg Schools for two years. At that time Nancy decided to focus on performing, and sang professionally in the Denver area until she started her family. When her children were in school, she also went back to school in nearby Oberlin, and got her Bachelor's in performance and Masters in Opera Theater at Oberlin College, studying with Richard Miller and Judith Layng. With her Masters completed, she taught voice and Music Appreciation at Lorain Community College until she moved with her family to Columbus, OH. While in Columbus she went to The Ohio State University to complete her DMA studying with Karen Peeler. While working on her doctorate, she started teaching at Kenyon College, as well as at Denison University for one year.

Nancy began teaching vocal performance at Kenyon College in January 2000, and has been the Music Department Vocal Coordinator since 2002. Along with her duties as vocal coordinator and instructor, she directed Kenyon's Musical Theater & Opera Workshop from 2002-2007. During that time the class performed productions of Musical Theater Revues, Opera Scene programs, and full productions of Purcell's *Dido and Aeneas*, Menotti's *Amahl and the Night Visitors*, Gilbert and Sullivan's *Iolanthe* and *Pirates of Penzance*, Flaherty's *Once on This Island*, and Sondheim's *Into the Woods*. Nancy is currently on the board of the Mount Vernon Players and was Musical Director for last summer's production of *Oklahoma*. She is currently working on a Mount Vernon Players dinner theater show set for May, which will benefit the Knox Community Hospital Foundation.

As a performer, Dr. Jantsch is an art song recitalist, and she has performed a wide range of operatic and musical theater roles, as well as singing solos with regional orchestras. She has sung with Opera Columbus, New City Opera in Denver, CO, Cleveland Opera, AIMS Orchestra in Graz, Austria, Oberlin Opera Theater, The Ohio State University Opera, Knox Symphony Orchestra, Lorain County Civic Orchestra, Sandusky Orchestra, The Towne and Country Theater, and Aurora Community Theater.

Areas of Expertise

Vocal performance instruction and direction in art song, musical theater, and operatic literature.

Education

DMA – Doctor of Musical Arts, vocal performance, The Ohio State University 2001
MOT- Master of Opera Theater, and BM-Bachelor of Music, Oberlin College 1994
BME-Bachelor of Music Education, Baldwin-Wallace College 1975