

BNATS Past President:

Nancy Jantsch served as Buckeye NATS president from 2009 to 2011 and Secretary-Treasurer of the Buckeye NATS from 2005 to 2009. 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.

After receiving her BME at Baldwin Wallace College, Nancy began as a public school music teacher in the Twinsburg Schools for two years, as well as singing with Cleveland Opera and the Cleveland Orchestra Chorus under Robert Page. Nancy met her husband Bill singing with the Cleveland Orchestra Chorus, and moved to Denver in 1980 to continue Bill medical training. She 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 has taught vocal performance at Kenyon College from 2000 to 2011, and has been the Music Department Vocal Coordinator from 2002 to 2011. 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 served on the board of the Mount Vernon Players from 2007-2010, and was Musical Director for the summer's productions of *Oklahoma!*, *You're a Good Man Charlie Brown*, and *Little Shop of Horrors*, as well as a murder mystery dinner theater production.

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, Cleveland Orchestra Chorus, Lorain County Civic Orchestra, Sandusky Orchestra, The Towne and Country Theater, and Aurora Community Theater.

In the spring of 2011 Nancy and her husband Bill are relocating to Philadelphia, PA to be nearer to their children Carol, the principle tuba player in the Philadelphia Orchestra, and Bert, a piano technician and jazz player in NYC. It has been an honor to serve Buckeye NATS as an officer for six years.