Hope Kesling-Milthaler

Director of Bel Canto

Hope Kesling-Milthaler is entering her 23rd year as Director of High School Choirs at Kings High School in Kings Mills, Ohio. She teaches AP Music Theory & served 10 years as 7-12 Music Department Chair for the Kings Local School District. Hope holds a double Master's Degree in Choral Conducting & Music Education from the University of Cincinnati, College-Conservatory of Music, & a Bachelor of Music Education Degree from Wright State University.

She is honored to be a founding member of Jason Max Ferdinand's National Education Advisory Team, whose *Teaching With Heart* choral compendium projects are available at GIA Publications. She has shared her *Every Voice Has A Home: Culture-Changing, Student-Driven Voice Placement* strategy around the nation, and is currently at work on a supplemental workbook for teachers and students to practice for the large score aural multiple choice section of the AP exam.

Hope relentlessly cultivates a culture of health and an atmosphere of welcome in each unique choral ensemble she teaches and conducts, and charges her students with leading their own ongoing pursuit of excellence. Most importantly, she teaches them to be conduits of the human that can be found in every score, and to sing with authenticity no matter where or for whom they are afforded the gift of music making.