



**J. Andrew Bowers**

**Director of Choral Activities**

Drew Bowers was appointed Director of Choral Activities at Milton High School in 2007 where he conducts Chorale, Women's Select, Concert Choir, and oversees the three extracurricular ensembles. He previously taught Advanced Placement Music Theory. Prior to his appointment at Milton, Mr. Bowers was the Choral Director at Carrollton Junior High School in Carrollton, Georgia. Professional memberships include American Choral Directors Association, Georgia Music Educators Association, MENC, Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, and Pi Kappa Lambda. He is currently serving as Fine Arts Department Chair at Milton High School and has served in other various leadership roles within ACDA and GMEA. A native of Georgia, he holds a Master of Music degree in Choral Conducting from Louisiana State University where he studied conducting with Ken Fulton and Sara Lynn Baird and voice with Loraine Sims. He also holds a Bachelor of Music Education degree from Shorter College where he studied conducting with John Ratledge and voice with Brian Horne. Mr. Bowers has been involved in numerous conducting Masterclasses throughout the nation and selected as Guest Conductor for many honor choirs and Community Choirs. His singing experience as a tenor is with the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra Chorus and the Atlanta Sacred Chorale. He has also been a featured soloist in Beethoven's Choral Fantasy, Bernstein's Chichester Psalms, and Haydn's Nelsonmesse. He has prepared the music for various musicals throughout his career including, An Evening of Rodgers and Hammerstein Classics, Carousel, Cinderella, Drowsy Chaperone, Footloose, Grease, Hairspray, Into the Woods, Jekyll & Hyde, Les Miserables, Mary Poppins, Rock of Ages, South Pacific, Young Frankenstein, and Spamalot, for which he won the 2013 Shuler Hensley Award for Best Musical Direction. Mr. Bowers is currently the Director of Music at Alpharetta Presbyterian Church in Alpharetta, GA. He currently resides in Roswell with his wife Leslie and their daughters, Tucker (11) and Cora (4). Mr. Bowers was recently named 2019 STAR Teacher for Milton High School. He was also named 2017 Milton High School Teacher of the Year and was named a 2014 winner of Atlanta Families Awards for Excellence in Education.



**Susan Wallace**

**Assistant Director of Music**

Susan Wallace serves as Assistant Choral Director at Milton High School and currently conducts the Select Treble and Bella Voce choirs. She oversees 3 of the extracurricular choirs and teaches AP Music Theory and Piano Class. Before joining our Milton Fine Arts department, Susan served as Director of Choral Activities at Pace Academy in Atlanta, GA. She is an active member of Georgia Music Educators Association, American Choral Directors Association and MENC. Susan holds a Bachelor of Music Education degree from Shorter College where she studied conducting with John Ratledge, piano with Mr. William Knight and voice with Dr. Shirley Brumbaugh. Having also been a staff accompanist at Reinhardt University, Susan accompanies various choral groups in the Atlanta area including the Orpheus Men's Ensemble. She assists as a music director at Orbit Arts Academy and serves as the Director of Music Ministry at Sandy Springs Christian Church.



**MILTON CHORUS**  
**Tour 2023**  
**Concert program**

**BONN, BRUGES, HAARLEM**





**Milton Chorus**  
*History and Tradition*

Milton is the oldest high school in Fulton County. It was originally founded as Milton County High School in 1921 and became part of the Fulton County School System in 1932 with the merger of Milton and Fulton Counties. Music has long been an integral part of the student's lives at Milton with quality band, choral and orchestral programs. Since choral music was added to the curriculum in 1951, the Choral Department has enjoyed great success. The choirs have consistently received Superior Ratings in Performance and Sight-Singing at the Georgia Music Educators Large Group Performance Evaluation as well as other festivals across the south. They have received invitations and performed at Carnegie Hall in New York City three times. The groups have also had the opportunity to perform in various cities throughout the United States. June of 2016 marked the first European Choir Tour and now the program travels overseas every 3 years. The Milton Chorale was invited to perform at the 2009 GA ACDA State Convention and performed at the Georgia Music Educators annual In-Service Convention in 1997, 2012, and 2019. In addition to these awards, the ensembles have had the opportunity to perform with or visit many Colleges and Universities throughout the Southeast. In addition to the success of the choirs, students have been selected to participate in Georgia Music Educators Association All-State Chorus, the Governor's Honor Program, District Honor Chorus, American Choral Director Association Honor Choruses, Spivey Hall Honor Choruses, and other various honor choirs throughout the nation. Students from Milton have also gone on to study music and participate in college music programs throughout the nation. Many of these students are now performing and/or teaching music.

**REPERTOIRE**

*Sacred songs to be chosen from below for performances that require sacred-songs-only repertoire.*

**Ave Verum Corpus** Mozart

**Esto Les Digo** Kinley Lange

**Nelly Bly** Stephen Foster / arr. Jack Halloran

**Sicut Locutus Est** Bach Magnificat

**I Have Longed for Thy Saving Health** William Byrd

**Somewhere Over the Rainbow** arr. Russ Robinson

**Ain't Got Time to Die** Hal Johnson

**Lamb of God** German Chorale/arr. Christiansen

**Loch Lomond** arr. Quick

**Veniki** arr. Rubstov

**O salutaris hostia** Beethoven

**Ich weiss mir ein meidlein** Orlando di Lasso