

Michael Schwartzkopf - Conductor

Michael Schwartzkopf is Professor Emeritus of Choral Music and Music Education at the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music. While at IU he was a member of the Alliance of Distinguished Rank and Titled Professors and held the Pam and Jack Burks Professorship Chair in Music. Before his retirement in 2012 he became the tenth recipient of the Distinguished Service Medal of Indiana University bestowed by President Michael McRobbie. During his 17 years at IU, he was the conductor of the Grammy-nominated Singing Hoosiers, recording 2 CDs with the Cincinnati Pops Orchestra under the late Erich Kunzel. He served as Chair of the Music Education Department and Interim Chair of the Choral Conducting Department. Throughout his collegiate teaching at Indiana, Mercer, and Illinois State Universities his choirs have presented concerts throughout Europe, Greece, and China.

As a singer and performer, his repertoire spans the entire spectrum of classical and popular music, opera, and musical theatre. He has sung in theaters, on concert stages, and in cathedrals of Europe and the United States with various orchestras and choral ensembles in a wide variety of styles. During the Viet Nam era he was a principal soloist with the United States Army Band, the United States Army Chorus, and Army Blues Jazz Band in Washington, as well as a soloist on numerous occasions in the White House.

He continues to be active as an adjudicator, conductor, and lecturer and has conducted numerous state, regional, and all-state choirs throughout the United States, Canada, and Singapore.