

Cindy Ellis is a Cuban-American music educator and vocalist. As a jazz vocal soloist and alto with the Jason Max Ferdinand Singers, Ellis frequently performs and teaches masterclasses to K-12 students throughout North America. Recently, the *JMAX Singers* collaborated with Jacob Collier for performances and recording projects including a performance alongside *Coldplay* for NBC's Saturday Night Live and a BBC Proms Concert in London.

A native of Holguín, Cuba, Ellis immigrated to the United States in 2005. She earned her Bachelor of Music Degree in Music Education/Jazz Voice from Florida International University and her Master's Degree in Music Education from the University of Missouri. Ellis is one of two full-time choral directors at Miami Arts Studio (MAS), a 6-12th grade public performing arts magnet school in Miami, FL. Her a cappella group, SoFlo Harmony, frequently sings backgrounds for Gloria and Emilio Estefan, and several Latin Music award shows including the Latin American Music Awards and the Latin Grammy's. Her award winning ensembles have been featured at various halls throughout the country, including Carnegie Hall in New York City. In 2022, Mrs. Ellis served as instructional design editor and contributing author of "Teaching Beyond the Music," published by GIA. Ellis currently serves as the World Musics & Cultures Coordinator for the American Choral Directors Association Southern Region.