

**CINDY ELLIS**  
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## **EXPERIENCE**

- Vocal Director, Miami Arts Studio 6-12 at Zelda Glazer • January 2017 - Present
- World Musics and Cultures Coordinator, ACDA Southern Region, 2023 - Present
- Instructional Design Editor, *Teaching Beyond the Music* (GIA Publications) • 2023
- Alto in the Jason Max Ferdinand Singers, • 2021 - Present
- Contributing Author, *Teaching with Heart* (GIA Publications) • 2022
- Miami Children's Chorus Director • Fall 2019
- Chief Executive Officer, Duetology, LLC., Miami FL 2015 - Present
- Freelance Vocalist, Miami, FL • 2012 - Present

## **EDUCATION**

### **University of Missouri**

MM in Music Education (Summa Cum Laude), December 2022

### **Florida International University, Miami, FL**

BM in Music Education (Summa Cum Laude), December 2016

## **FEATURED PERFORMANCES/AWARDS**

- GRAMMY Music Educator Award Quarter-Finalist (top 215 in the country), 2026
- Featured Guest, Choir Fam Podcast, 2025
- Performer, Peace and Justice Memorial Center Juneteenth Celebration, 2024, 2025
- Featured Conductor, National ACDA Conference, Dallas, 2025
- Featured Guest, Choralosophy Podcast, 2025
- Performer, Texas Music Educators Association Presidents Concert, 2025
- Featured Conductor, Virginia Loudon and Fairfax Counties, 2025
- GRAMMY Music Educator Award Semi-Finalist (top 25 in the country), 2025
- Teacher of the Year, Miami Arts Studio 6-12 @ Zelda Glazer, 2025
- Teacher of the Year Top 5 Finalist for MDCPS Southern Region, 2025
- Featured Conductor, South Carolina Music Educator Association Middle School Clinic, 2024
- Featured performer at the 64 BBC Proms: Jason Max Ferdinand Singers, London, 2024
- Featured Conductor, San Diego National Youth Choir Festival, San Diego, 2024
- Featured Conductor, Carnegie Hall, New York - 2019, 2024
- Mississippi All-State Junior High Treble Chorus Conductor, 2024
- Featured Conductor, Jacob Collier's DJESSE Vol. 4 Tour Miami stop, 2024
- Featured Conductor, Florida ACDA Conference and Southern ACDA Conference, 2023, 2024
- Background vocal performance on Saturday Night Live with Jacob Collier and Coldplay, 2023
- Featured performer at the National ACDA Conference in Cincinnati, OH 2023
- Background vocal performance in Kennedy Center with Jacob Collier, Washington D.C, 2023
- Background vocal performance in Lincoln Center with Jacob Collier, New York, 2023
- Featured Conductor at Florida Music Educators Conference, Tampa, 2023
- Superior with Distinction Award at State Evaluation, 2022, 2023
- Recipient of a Proclamation from the Miami-Dade County Public Schools Board, 2022
- Florida Vocal Association's "Rising Star Award," 2022
- Background vocal performance on Premios Lo Nuestro with Ricardo Montaner, 2021

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- Album Release, “A Walk in the Garden,” 2021
- Featured Conductor at Superintendent’s Gala with Sam Moore, 2021
- Background vocal performance on Latin Grammys with J. Balvin, 2020
- Most students in Florida All-State Choirs in the state, 2019-2025
- Featured Conductor, National Music For All Festival, Indianapolis, 2020
- Rookie Teacher of the Year, Miami Arts Studio 6-12 at Zelda Glazer, 2019
- Straight Superior Ratings at District Evaluation, 2017-2024
- Miami-Dade Superintendent’s Middle School Honor Choir coordinator, Miami - 2019, 2022
- Featured Conductor, Adrienne Arsht Center, Miami - 2018-2025
- Featured Conductor, New World Symphony Hall, Miami - 2017

**SKILLS AND INTERESTS**

- Marathon runner (fastest employee in MDCPS 2018 and 2023)
- Bilingual: English/Spanish
- Reading (lots and lots of music!)
- WAY too competitive