**Kristine Hurst-Wajszczuk, D.M.A.**

**Teaching Bio (short)**

Dr. Hurst-Wajszczuk’s voice students have been accepted to Aspen, Utah Festival Opera, and SongFest, and have starred in national Broadway tours such as *A Gentleman’s Guide to Love and Murder.* They have gone on to win Encouragement Awards in the MET’s Laffont competition, as well as fellowships in graduate programs at Indiana University and the University of Illinois. While students, they regularly win awards; many are now enjoying fulfilling careers in opera management, speech therapy, and in higher education.

Kristine is a certified mindfulness meditation teacher whose conference, conservatory, and university workshops have taken her from Las Vegas to Austria, from Philadelphia to Sweden and Hungary. A noted stage director, her opera productions have won three top awards through the National Opera Association. She is Professor of Voice at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, where she serves as the Associate Dean of the Honors College.