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## **DOROTHY LUSK SAWATSKI**

### **THE DOROTHY SAWATSKI PRIZE**

FOR THE WINNER OF THE LOWER CLASSICAL TREBLE VOICE CATEGORY  
NATIONAL STUDENT AUDITIONS

The four great loves in Dorothy Lusk Sawatski's life were her family, singing, the National Association of Teachers of Singing, and baseball.

One of the NATS most active and effective members, Professor Sawatski began her career as a professional singer before turning to teaching. Her teaching career turned out to be remarkable, lasting 50 years. During that time, Professor Sawatski touched the lives of hundreds of students, many of whom have gone on to careers as professional musicians and teachers all over the world.

"I started studying with her after I began university teaching," says former student Nita Herrick-Colpitts. "She became a major influence in my teaching career. And her enthusiasm for NATS is the reason I became so involved myself serving as Arkansas Auditions Chair, Southern Region Auditions Chair, Region Treasurer, Region Governor, and 2004 National Convention Chair."

Professor Sawatski was a charter member of NATS Southern Region and served as the Region Governor for several years. She was also the national Vice President for Workshops, National Convention Chair, and Program Chair.

She was the founder of the University of Arkansas Little Rock programs in voice, opera, and musical theatre.

Professor Sawatski was married to major league baseball player Carl Sawatski. The couple had two sons, John and Charles. Carl was also well known to NATS members as he was Dorothy's companion at all the conferences and workshops she attended, just as she had followed him from city to city during his baseball career.

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