

Erica Breittarth

Erica Breitbarth is an active vocalist, conductor, clinician, music teacher and education advocate in the Milwaukee area. She holds degrees in music education from the Wheaton Conservatory of Music (BMed) and Northwestern University's Bienen School of Music (MMed). Currently, Erica serves as choir director, musical theater director and chair of the Vera J. Zilber Music Department at Reagan International Baccalaureate (IB) School in the Milwaukee Public Schools. Over the last 14 years, Erica and her colleagues built the Reagan High school music program from the ground up, garnering local, state and national recognition for excellence in music education instruction to city youth. Alumni of the Reagan music department have gone on to success as performers, composers, producers, DJs, and music educators in Wisconsin and beyond. She is an active soloist throughout the greater Milwaukee area, performing choral masterworks with the Bel Canto Chorus, Kettle Moraine Symphony, and contemporary works with Present Music's Hearing Voices Ensemble. A strong advocate for music education, Erica serves as co-founder and Board President of the Milwaukee Music Educators Association (MMEA), which recently worked to restore 85 music educator positions to the Milwaukee Public Schools. She currently serves as a regional Vice President for the Wisconsin Music Educators Association (WMEA). Erica served as the Diversity Initiatives Liaison for the Wisconsin Choral Directors Association (WCDA) and was named the WCDA Outstanding Young Choral Director (2018). She also garnered recognition as the Civic Music Association's Choral Music Educator of the Year (2013), a Grammy Music Educator Finalist (2017), Herb Kohl Teaching Fellow (2020) and received four Jerry Awards for Outstanding Musical Theatre Direction.