

Rachel Sparrow

Actor, Soprano (Belt/Pop/Folk/Jazz/Opera)

AGMA Artist & Actor's Equity Eligible

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"Sparrow morphs easily from popular co-
ed to woman of broken dreams..."

(Jenny Hill, *Big Fish*) – Chicago Sun-Times

"Sparrow hits gorgeous operatic notes
out of the park as Jenny Lind"

(*Barnum!*) -- Chicago Theater Beat

(she/her) / Height: 5' 6.5" / three octave range: F3 – F6

<u>MUSICAL THEATRE</u>	<u>ROLE</u>	<u>COMPANY</u>	<u>DIRECTOR</u>
BIG FISH	Jenny Hill (*Sandra cover)	Theatre at the Center, Munster, IN	Bill Pullinsi
BARNUM!	Jenny Lind	Quest Theatre Ensemble, Chicago, IL	Andrew Park
THREEPENNY OPERA	Polly	Indianapolis Opera	Bill Fabris
LES MISERABLES	Cosette cover	Utah Festival Opera & Musical Theatre	Valerie Rochelle
OKLAHOMA!	Ado Annie coach & Ensemble/Ballet	Utah Festival Opera & Musical Theatre	Maggie Harrer

<u>OPERA/OPERETTA</u>	<u>ROLE</u>	<u>COMPANY</u>	<u>DIRECTOR</u>
THE MAGIC FLUTE	Queen of the Night (German)	Savannah Voice Festival	Sherrill Milnes
LUCIA DI LAMMERMOOR	Lucia (Italian)	La Musica Lirica (Toured Italy)	Francois Loup
THE STUDENT PRINCE	Gretchen (& Kathie cover)	Utah Festival Opera & Musical Theatre	Jack Shouse
PIRATES OF PENZANCE	Mabel	Indianapolis Opera Ensemble	Jim Caraher
CINDERELLA (Massenet)	Fairy Godmother	Petite Opera Productions	Cathy Dunn

POP/ROCK – Gigged with (2021-22) Chicagoland Cover Rock Band *Now & Then* (hits and gems that span the decades)

FOLK/HYMNS: Arranger – recording sacred music in a variety of styles: www.rachelsparrow.com/sparrow-songs

CONCERT WORK

Soloist with Chicago Symphony's Civic Orchestra (Bach)
1st prize program: Glitter & Be Gay/ Girl in 14G/ Bell Song
Melodious Mamas (produced show for 5 pregnant performers)
Gilda, *Caro Nome* – operatic aria
Several contemporary soprano/orchestral works
Gloria, Soprano Soloist (Robert A. Harris)
Gloria, by Robert A. Harris - Soloist

Fourth Presbyterian Church, Chicago (2023)
Carnegie Hall Debut, NYC (2014)
Sponsor: Sorel Organization & Press: ABC 7 News Chicago
Utah Festival Opera & Musical Theatre Orchestra
Premiered/performed at Northwestern University
Pritzker Pavilion, Millennium Park, Chicago
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COMPETITION AWARDS & HONORS

1st Prize (Bell Song, Glitter & Be Gay, Girl 14G)	Barry Alexander International Competition: Carnegie Hall	2014
Semi-Finals (Sandra-Big Fish/Ado Annie/Arias)	Lotte Lenya Competition, NYC	2019
Twice Audience Favorite (Semi-Finalist Round)	American Traditions Competition in Savannah, GA	2016 & 2017
Audience Favorite (Glitter & Be Gay)	Harold Haugh Light Opera Competition	2014
Audience Favorite (Caro Nome)	Michael Ballam Concorso Lirico International Competition	2014
Audience Favorite & 2 nd Place (Glitter & Be Gay)	Harold Haugh Light Opera Competition	2014
Encouragement Award (Bell Song & Regnava)	Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions	2013
1 st Place (Bell Song)	Evanston, Illinois Music Club Competition	2013
1 st Place (Bell Song)	National Association of Teachers of Singing Illinois	2012
2 nd Place (Bell Song)	Nicholas Loren International Vocal Competition	2012

ACTING

Kymerly Mellen
Joachim Schamberger
Michael Ehrman

VOICE COACH

Pamela Hinchman
Julia Faulkner
Diana Friedley

MOVEMENT

Yoga & Cartwheels(!)
Alexander Technique
"mover"- Tap/Ballroom

CONDUCTOR

Riccardo Muti
Barbara Day Turner
Joseph Rescigno

PRO CHORUS WORK

Chicago Symphony Chorus
Music of the Baroque
Stare at the Sun

EDUCATION

MM, Northwestern University, 2013
BM, Idaho State University, 2010
BME, Idaho State University, 2010

*Certified to Teach K-12 Voice/Inst.

SPECIAL SKILLS

Proficient Instruments: Piano/Violin/Ukulele. **Dialects:** Amer. Southern, Cockney, BBC.
Pronunciation: Italian, German, French, Spanish & Portuguese. **Rock Cover Band Vocals.**
Excellent **Fundraising/Sponsor Relations, Director, Conductor** (Choir & Orchestra),
Producer, Teacher, MC Host. Fantastic with kids. Strong sight-reader. Strong character voices, riffs, high belt. Can flip from Ado Annie to Christine Daae.

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