

Ariana Wehr
Class of 2007

Professional Opera Singer



Education:

I attended Louisiana State University (LSU) and majored in Vocal Performance. I received my Bachelor's of Music in 2011 and my Master's of Music in 2013. I was involved primarily in LSU Opera, and also A Cappella Choir and the Office of Multi-Cultural Affairs.

Career summary:

I am a professional opera singer. I completed the Domingo-Cafritz Young Artist Program with Washington National Opera at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in 2017 after working with other companies like Nashville Opera, Des Moines Metro Opera, Pensacola Opera, The Glimmerglass Festival, and others. This year, I was one of the 25 semi-finalists of the Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions which meant that out of about 1,200 people who audition for the Met Competition each year, I had the opportunity to come to NYC and sing on the stage of the Metropolitan Opera.



Family:

My parents are Matt and Dee Wehr. I have an older brother, Tyler, and a twin sister, Victoria (Tori) Wehr Handy.

Activities while at BHS:

During my time at BHS, I was involved in Batesville Singers, Jazz Band, Drama Club, Dance Team, National Honor Society, and Spanish Club.

Best education-related memory from BHS:

I greatly enjoyed my time at BHS. All of my teachers were invested in their students' success and pushed me to do my best at all times. Without a strong music program at BHS, I would not be where I am today or as far along in my career and I am forever grateful for that.



A personal quote about the importance of education:

I could try to write something but I think President Ford says it better than I can--

“Music education opens doors that help children pass from school into the world around them—a world of work, culture, intellectual activity, and human involvement. The future of our nation depends on providing our children with a complete education that includes music.” –Gerald Ford