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MYAC Welcomes New Choral Director of Voices Rising!



Elizabeth Weismehl is honored and excited to be a part of the choral staff at Midwest Young Artists Conservatory, where she will be directing Voices Rising. She has been teaching general music and choir to kindergarten through fifth grade students at Avoca West School in Glenview since 2008. Under her leadership, the choral program has shown tremendous growth. Elizabeth has also taught elementary music in Highland Park and middle school choir in Kenosha, Wisconsin and Plano, Texas, where her non-varsity treble choir consistently received superior ratings at the annual University Interscholastic League (UIL) choir contest.

Elizabeth received her Bachelor's degrees in Music Education and Vocal Performance from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, and a Master's in Vocal Performance from Roosevelt University in Chicago. She has taken post-graduate classes at Depaul University and recently took classes at VanderCook College of Music focusing on mindfulness, mindset and social emotional learning (SEL). This led Elizabeth to discover a new passion: writing! She wrote a two-part article called "Go and Shine!" for ChorTeach, an online journal of the American Choral Directors Association. Part one, focusing on cultivating a positive mindset in one's personal and professional life, was published in May. Part two, which will be published in the next couple of weeks, focuses on how to incorporate joy and gratitude into choral rehearsals.

In 2004, Elizabeth had the life-changing opportunity to be the Intern Conductor of the Toronto Children's Chorus in Ontario, Canada under the direction of Founder/Conductor Laureate Jean Ashworth Bartle. Elizabeth has been singing with the Chancel Singers and playing handbells with the Trinity Ringers of Trinity United Methodist Church in Wilmette for many years.