Arielle Nachtigal

A true Montana girl at heart, Soprano Arielle Nachtigal has traveled far and wide to sing amongst the mountains and pursue her passion for opera, operetta, and musical theater. After completing her undergraduate degree at the University of Montana's School of Music, she received her Master of Music degree from the Eastman School of Music in Vocal Performance and Literature. There, she performed in master classes for Renee Fleming, Nicole Cabell, Federico Sacchi, and Benton Hess. She has performed the title role in Puccini's *Suor Angelica*, Carmela in *Mese mariano*, Emily in Ned Rorem's *Our Town*, and Countess Almaviva in *Le Nozze di Figaro*. She spent one summer in Urbania, Italy to study the Italian language and opera, then two summers championing operetta and golden age musicals with the Ohio Light Opera. Closer to home, she has graced the stage as La Ciesca in Puccini's *Gianni Schicchi* and the Sour Kangaroo in *Seussical the Musical*. For musical theater, she has music directed for the Bigfork Summer Playhouse, produced and performed in Jason Robert Brown's *Songs for a New World*, and taught private voice lessons for Missoula Children's Theater's Next Step Prep. Recently, she music directed *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*, *Footloose Jr.*, *Winnie the Pooh Jr.*, and co-music directed and performed in *Into the Woods* at the Missoula Children's Theatre and Missoula Community Theatre.