



Jenn Gambatese starred to great acclaim as Maria in Lyric Opera of Chicago's Spring 2014 production of **The Sound of Music** opposite Billy Zane. This followed her "traveling by bubble" across the country as Glinda in the 1st national tour of **Wicked**. On Broadway she created the roles of Jane in Disney's **Tarzan**, Natalie in **All Shook Up**, and Marie Leroux in **Is He Dead?**. Additionally on Broadway she played Penny Pingleton in **Hairspray**, multiple roles in **A Year with Frog and Toad**, and Urleen in **Footloose**. Among her favorite off-Broadway appearances have been Eliante in Classic Stage Company's **The School for Lies**, and both Dora in **Fiorello!** and The Girl in **Stairway to Paradise** for New York City Center's "Encores!" series. Among her most important credits in regional theater are leading roles for three Connecticut companies: Chloe Haddock in **Lips Together Teeth Apart** at Westport Country Playhouse, Constance Blackwell in **We Have Always Lived in the Castle** at Yale Repertory Theatre, and both Annie Oakley in **Annie Get Your Gun** and Carrie Pipperidge in **Carousel** for Goodspeed Musicals. She studied at New York University, graduating *magna cum laude* with a double major in drama and sociology.
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