

## Kristie Ohlinger

### Visual Ensemble Director

Kristie has been performing since the age of two. Her love of acting, dancing, singing, and storytelling has led her to various performing outlets. As a young girl Kristie studied dance and gymnastics. She loved playing the clarinet and joined her HS marching band in 8<sup>th</sup> grade, this eventually led her to pursue a degree in Music Education from Millersville University.

For the past 17 years Kristie has been teaching at the Ephrata Middle School as a general music teacher and choral director. She has taken her love of performing and storytelling to create a fresh, new choral program at EMS. This group performs a wide-variety of repertoire while incorporating technology, dance, and various multi-media elements.

In the past, Kristie has conceptualized and designed HS indoor-guard shows, taught marching band, choreographed musicals and still loves to perform today. As a local stage performer, Kristie has performed in a multitude of musicals and plays at the Ephrata Performing Arts Center (EPAC). Broadway World (BWW) referred to her as "...one of EPAC's best stage regulars". In a recent review by the Reading Eagle they wrote "Her performance is nothing short of hypnotic". Lancasteronline said "Whenever she is on stage, it's hard to take your eyes off of her, Ohlinger is a knockout".

Winner of several BWW.com awards including best play and best ensemble performance, Kristie looks forward to bringing her love of teaching, performing and storytelling to the Ephrata High School Marching Unit.