

**Rachel E. Zephir**  
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**Rachel E. Zephir** is currently the Director of Bands at Eleanor Roosevelt High School in Greenbelt Maryland. At Roosevelt, she directs four Concert Bands, Pep Band, Jazz Ensemble, and oversees the chamber music program. She began this position in August of 2015. She has held similar positions at Hereford High School in Parkton Maryland, and Francis Scott Key High School in Union Bridge Maryland. Rachel has taught public school for ten years and three with The Baltimore Symphony Orchestra's OrchKids Program. OrchKids is an El Sistema based form of music education coming from Venezuela that brings music into neighborhoods of cities afflicted by poverty. At OrchKids, she was the Brass Department Chair, and taught Musicianship and Ear Training classes. From 2007-2011 she was also the Music Director of the Westminster Symphony Orchestra; a combined effort between McDaniel College and Carroll Community College in Westminster Maryland. She was also an adjunct faculty member at both schools teaching studio trumpet and the Brass Ensemble.

She has attended conducting workshops at some of the finest institutions for Wind Conducting in the United States. Rachel was the only high school band director selected to the first Frederick Fennell Memorial Conducting Masterclass at The Eastman School of Music in the fall of 2007. She was then invited again the following year. She has also participated in two summer workshops at the University of Michigan with Professor Michael Haithcock. She was a finalist for the Chamber Music Track of participants at the Temple University Conducting Workshop where only four applicants were selected to conduct a chamber music work on a concert with the Temple Chamber Winds. There she worked with Professor Craig Kirchoff and Dr. Emily Threinen. She has worked with renowned Wind Conductors such as Donald Hunsberger, Frederick Fennell, Mark Scatterday, Michael Haithcock, Frank Battisti, Craig Kirchoff, and Dr. Emily Threinen.

Outside of her public school teaching she is an active musician both as a trumpet player and conductor. She has performed at the Eichelberger Community Theatre in Hanover Pennsylvania as both a trumpet player in pit performances as well as conducted several musicals such as *The Wizard of Oz*, and *The Sound of Music*. She is a member of the Spires Brass Band in Frederick Maryland playing in the solo cornet section. She has been featured as a soloist and as a part of a trio with the Spires Brass Band. Rachel keeps as active private studio and has had students go on to pursue careers in music to such notable schools as The University of Maryland, The Cincinnati College Conservatory, Florida State University, University of North Texas, and Ohio State University.

Other notable performing accomplishments include performing John Corigliano's *Circus Maximus* in March of 2010 with the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, and featured performer on the McDaniel College Music on the Hill chamber music series.