

# **Bethany Andrist Musician**

**Bethany (Orn) Andrist has been a lifelong musician and musical theater performer, earning her B.A. in Music, with an emphasis in clarinet performance, at Northern State University in Aberdeen, SD in December of 2006. In her collegiate years, Bethany enjoyed her time on stage where she starred as "Belle" in the South Dakota Premiere of Disney's Beauty & the Beast, and performed in several summer musicals at the Dakota Prairie Regional Center for the Arts in New Rockford, ND. This Wimbledon, ND farm-girl was tickled-pink to represent the state she loves while singing and kickin' up her heels in The Medora Musical, performing for over 200,000 patrons during the summers of 2006 and 2007 alongside her husband, Levi.**

**Currently, Bethany works as the Operations Coordinator at the historic Empire Arts Center in downtown Grand Forks, ND. She enjoys working with their Volunteer Program, and is heading up a newly created Membership Program. Prior to joining the Empire, Bethany worked as a Development Officer for the University of North Dakota Foundation.**

In her spare time, Bethany enjoys singing as a member of the Grand Forks Master Chorale, serving as the Choir Director at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Grand Forks, and is an active member of the Greater Grand Forks Jaycees. She also holds board positions with the Grand Forks Master Chorale, and the ND Alliance for Arts Education.