

# March Spotlight On...



## Catherine Blades

Former Wingspan Conservatory Student



*Q. Tell us about your first summer with Wingspan Arts?*

*A.* I did the summer conservatory going into my sophomore year of high school. We did the show Blood Brothers. I am from Iowa, and at the time my mom and I were looking for a good place in New York City for me to spend the summer taking theatre classes and doing a show. She happened to find the Wingspan website and I'm so happy she did!



*Q. Favorite Wingspan memory?*

*A.* My favorite memory at Wingspan was doing Merrily We Roll Along during my second summer. It was an amazing and special experience because I got to be a part of this show that I really wouldn't know if it hadn't been for Wingspan. I love the show now and feel very lucky that I got to do it.

*Q. What are you doing now?*

*A.* Right now I am at Pace University in NYC getting my BFA in Musical Theatre and auditioning for everything I can. I hope to be working in theatre all my life! In 2009 I was on Broadway in "Bye, Bye Birdie". Most recently I booked a guest appearance on the CBS TV show "Blue Bloods"

*Q. How has Wingspan influenced what you are doing now?*

*A.* Wingspan confirmed for me that I wanted to perform for the rest of my life. I knew when I spent those summers in New York that I was where I was supposed to be. Wingspan has also given me people in the city that I know will always be there for me and support me.



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