

## **Meredith Kochan**

### **Co-Grand Prize Winner of the Jean L. Petitt Memorial Music Scholarship Competition 2007**

Meredith has been involved in over 20 musical productions across Northeast Ohio and plans to major in Musical Theatre in college. Her most recent roles include Millie in *Thoroughly Modern Millie* at Perry High School and Beth in *Little Women: The Broadway Musical* at Rabbit Run Theatre in Madison, Ohio. For the past two years, she has been studying voice with Leslie Varnick, but has also been coached by Robert Godfrey. Meredith often works with pianists Christopher Chung and Eddie Carney. She also plays piano and, along with learning many of today's popular songs by ear, Meredith has written several of her own songs which can be heard on her MySpace Music site: [www.myspace.com/meredithkochan](http://www.myspace.com/meredithkochan).

She is a 3-year member of the OMEA Ohio All-State Choir and is currently the first chair Alto I. Meredith has also been a member of the Thespian Society, as well as the Chagrin Valley Conference Honors Choir. She has received consecutive superior ratings in OMEA solo and ensemble competitions since the 7<sup>th</sup> grade. A dance captain and 4-year member of Perry High School's show choir, Meredith won the Outstanding Performer award at Ada High School's show choir competition in 2006 and 2007.

In the summer of 2007, she sang the National Anthem before a Cleveland Indians game, and also went to New York City for two callbacks for the Tony Award-winning musical, *Spring Awakening* for director Michael Mayer and casting director Jim Carnahan. She has worked with members of the touring cast of *Wicked*, *Mary Poppins* and *Les Miserables*.

Meredith has been in several singing competitions which resulted in being a semi-finalist in *Showtime at the Apollo* in 2002 and winning Star Search Live at King's Island in 2003. Most recently, Meredith won grand prize in the Cleveland Pops 2007 Jean L. Petitt Memorial Music Scholarship competition and will be singing with the Cleveland Pops Orchestra at Severance Hall.