

# LIZ CHIDESTER

## Singer/Actor/Musician (AEA)

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Height: 5'7"

Range: Soprano/Belt

Hair: Strawberry Blonde

Eyes: Blue

### REGIONAL THEATRE

LIZZIE	Lizzie Borden	<b>Firebrand Theatre</b> ; Dir. Victoria Bussert
THE OLD MAN AND THE OLD MOON	Old Woman	<b>KC Rep Theatre</b> ; Dir. Stuart Carden
PHANTOM FOLKTALES	River	<b>PigPen Theatre Co</b> ; Dir. PigPen Theatre Co.
SUNDOWN, YELLOW MOON	Ray	<b>Raven Theatre</b> ; Dir. Cody Estle
STUPID F**KING BIRD	Mash	<b>Sideshow Theatre Company</b> ; Dir. Jonathan L. Green
HIGH FIDELITY	Laura	<b>Refuge Theatre Project</b> ; Dir. Chris Pazdernik
ALWAYS, PATSY CLINE	Patsy Cline	<b>Firebrand Theatre</b> ; Dir. Brigitte Ditmars
RING OF FIRE	June Carter Cash	<b>Mercury Theater</b> ; Dir. Brian Russell
BUDDY: THE BUDDY HOLLY STORY*	Vi Petty	<b>American Blues Theater</b> ; Dir. Lili-Anne Brown
QUEEN OF THE MIST***	Carry A Nation	<b>Firebrand Theatre</b> ; Dir. Elizabeth Margolius
PUMPBOYS AND THE DINETTES	Rhetta	<b>Theatre at the Center</b> ; Dir. Brian Russell
FREDERICK	Sunny	<b>Chicago Children's Theatre</b> ; Dir. Tommy Rapley
TABLE TOP TRAGEDIES	Puppeteer/Musician	<b>Cabinet of Curiosity</b> ; Dir. Bockley and Maugeri
BIG RIVER	Miss Watson/Aunt Sally	<b>Theatre at the Center</b> ; Dir. Linda Fortunato
DELIRIOUS: A CIRCUS CABARET	Singer/Synths	<b>8 Stars Monaco</b> ; Prod. Nicolas Jelmoni

\*2018 Jeff Awards: Best Mid-size Musical and Best Ensemble \*\*2017 Jeff Award: Best Musical \*\*\*Jeff Award: Best Ensemble 2019

**Firebrand Theatre Company Member/American Blues Theatre Artistic Affiliate**

### EDUCATION/TRAINING

**James Madison University; Harrisonburg, VA**

**Bachelors in Music, Cum Laude 2010 in Music Theatre**

**On-Camera:** Stef Tovar; Author of "The Map: An Actor's Guide to On Camera Acting"

**Acting:** Kevin Sherrill (Heightened Language), Kate Arecchi, Sally Story; James Madison University

**Voice:** Dr. In Dal Choi, Brenda Witmer (James Madison University); Richard Bennett (Chicago)

**Dance:** Jazz (2 Years), Musical Theatre Styles (1 year); James Madison University

### SPECIAL SKILLS:

**Instruments: Primary** - Guitar, 'Ukulele, Piano; **Secondary** - Banjo, Autoharp, Dulcimer, Mandolin, Cajone

**Music Directing:** *Phantom Folktales* (PigPen Theatre Co.) *Frederick* (CCT); *Chess*, *The Diviners*, *Miss Nelson is Missing* (JMU)

**Composition:** *The Death and Life of Billy the Kid* (Cabinet of Curiosity); *Hobohemia* (Odradek Theatre Co.)

**Original Albums:** *otherside of the darkest timeline* (2021), *Progress Into Simplicity* (2017), *People Pumping Pedals* (2014)

**Teaching Artist:** Midori & Friends, Old Town School of Folk Music

**Misc.:** 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Black Belt-Taekwondo, Driver's License, Passport, CPR, electric guitar impersonation