

EMMA STAPLETON

Fundraising & Development Advisor

Emma Stapleton has spent the past decade working in development and leadership positions in the nonprofit sector with a strong passion for education and social justice causes. Stapleton is a dynamic fundraiser who has a proven track record of cultivating, soliciting and stewarding 7+ figure grants and major gifts. She currently serves as the Vice President of Philanthropy for Entertain Impact.

Prior to this position, Stapleton served as Development Director for the GRAMMY Music Education Coalition, Director of Development for the Bienen School of Music at Northwestern University, and Director of Corporate and Foundation Relations at Berklee College. She has also led development for Bard College and the Cambridge Philharmonic Orchestra. Her tenure at these institutions has garnered more than \$65M individually raised. Additionally, Stapleton has contributed to exceeding campaign goals at Northwestern University (\$55M and university-wide \$5B) and Berklee (\$100M Soundbreaking Campaign).

An accomplished musician, Stapleton received her master of music degree in cello performance from New England Conservatory. She holds dual undergraduate degrees in music and art history from the University of Iowa, where she was a student of Hannah Holman. Stapleton has performed as a solo, orchestral, and chamber musician in venues such as Carnegie Hall, Weill Recital Hall, Jordan Hall, and Boston's Symphony Hall, and she was a fellowship recipient at the Aspen Music Festival and School and the Tanglewood Music Festival.

A steadfast advocate for music and arts education, Stapleton is honored to serve as an advisor for the Quad City Music Academy.