

# The Lantern Interviews

Interview by Alex Leslie

# Elizabeth Vaughn

So we know you are a photographer, and a singer, and a musician, do you do anything else?

**Elizabeth Vaughn:** Aside from photography, I sing and play both the trumpet and the piano, I also like to write and arrange music.

Will you pursue either in college?

**EV:** I'll be going to James Madison University's school of music this fall as a music education major. As far as photography goes, I hope to still find time to capture the campus and the people around it.



Can you tell us about some of your accomplishments?

**EV:** A number of my arrangements have been performed by No Fella A Cappella, Minutemen, and Sutherland Middle School. I'm going to attend James Madison University's school of music this fall.

Which of your endeavors do you enjoy the most? Why?

**EV:** I like both photography and music for different reasons, so it's hard to say which I like the most. Music has been a big part of my life since I was little. As for photography, I guess I just like the idea of recording what I see. I tried drawing but I was never good enough to get the details I wanted. I want to capture things just the way they are. I guess music does that, too, just in a different way than photographs.

Who/What inspired you to pursue either?

**EV:** My dad has always inspired me. Getting into music was just part of how I was brought up. My dad is a trumpet player, and he got me started with piano, and eventually I picked up the trumpet and started singing. He has always encouraged both my music and my photography.

How has singing/photography impacted your life?

**EV:** Both music and photography have definitely made me step outside my comfort zone and build up my self confidence. Performing in the jazz band, showing someone an arrangement I've written, or posting a photo I've taken constantly make me put myself out there, and I've definitely benefitted from that.

