



Astrid Baumgardner

Yale faculty member Astrid Baumgardner, JD, PCC, loves helping creative people to be successful. A lawyer, career coach, speaker and author of the book, [*Creative Success Now*](#), she teaches creativity and career entrepreneurship at Yale University's School of Music where she coaches musicians and arts leaders on career success. A professional speaker, Ms. Baumgardner recently gave a TEDx talk on [*Cracking the Code on Creativity: The Secret to Full-Blast Living*](#). As president of her coaching company, Astrid Baumgardner Coaching+Training, she coaches musicians, arts leaders and creative professionals and guest lectures on creative success at conservatories and summer festivals including The Juilliard School, Norfolk Chamber Music Festival, Sō Percussion Summer Institute and Idyllwild Arts. She also conducts leadership training workshops at Opera America and Ensemble Connect, the teaching artist academy at Carnegie Hall. As a result of their work together, her students and clients are thriving as professional musicians, arts leaders, academics, and entrepreneurs.

A graduate of Mount Holyoke College and Rutgers Newark School of Law, where she was a member of the Law Review, Ms. Baumgardner practiced law in New York City for twenty-five years. She then combined her professional skills with her love of the arts and served as Deputy Executive Director of the French Institute Alliance Française of New York. She subsequently became an independent consultant to nonprofit arts boards before starting her coaching business and assuming her position at Yale.

A lifelong amateur pianist and champion of new music, Ms. Baumgardner is a board member and past board chair of the percussion quartet, Sō Percussion, and board member, past chair, and co-chair of the board of the American Composers Orchestra.

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