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A welcoming, motivating environment with freedom to grow and inspiration to realize your unique potential.



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OUTSTANDING FACILITIES

New rehearsal and performance halls, practice rooms, and common areas enhance fully restored venues with state-of-the-art acoustics.

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A strong foundation in music theory and history with exposure to global and contemporary musical styles and influences.



FROM PASSION TO PROFESSION

Getting a Running Start through a variety of programs, entrepreneurial concepts and strategies that lead to the best opportunities for career success.

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OUR FACULTY

Exceptional artists, scholars and accessible mentors that can help you get to where you want music to take you.



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STUDENT LIFE

Students enjoy a closely knit creative community with the excitement of a Big 10 university.



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CELEBRATING DIVERSITY

Equity, inclusion, and belonging are hallmarks of the College of Music, playing a significant role in helping students develop their creative abilities.

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ALL THE WORLD'S A STAGE

Extensive opportunities for students to develop skills through nationally recognized bands, orchestras, choirs, and other ensembles.



CLOSE-KNIT COMMUNITY WITH BIG TEN EXCITEMENT

This beautiful part of MSU's historic campus offers the chance to enjoy the best of both worlds.

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Experience a welcoming and motivating environment designed to give you the freedom to grow and the inspiration to help realize your unique potential.



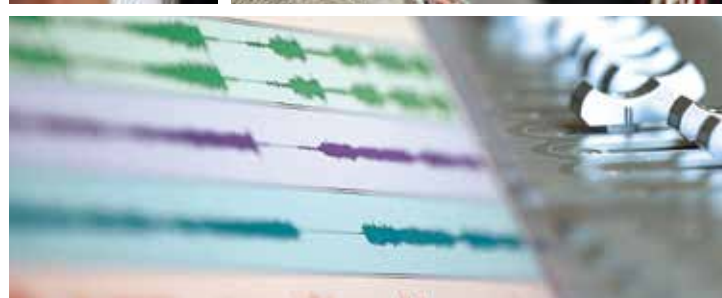
At Michigan State University's College of Music, our rigorous program will challenge you while our supportive community nurtures your creativity to help you succeed. We believe in blending collaboration with competition and excellent mentorship with intense preparation.

As a College of Music student, you will graduate equipped with broad analytical skills gained through studies in musicology, music theory, and composition, and through exposure to contemporary and international influences. Our students are empowered to make well-informed decisions about their music, career, and the pursuit of their full potential because of the cultural awareness and intellectual acuity gained through our programs.

Because we are committed to fostering each musician's unique strengths, we provide multiple paths for engaging and developing your creative abilities. Our students perform with nationally recognized collegiate

ensembles; study with award-winning artists, scholars and teachers; explore innovative music; teach music to community members of all ages; and much more. Regardless of the discipline you choose, you will enjoy an abundance of performance opportunities on our campus, in the greater capital region of Lansing, and around the nation and world.

Our curriculum will prepare you to meet the real demands facing musicians in the marketplace. As a result, you will graduate with both depth and breadth of knowledge, training, and performance experience. These skills, combined with the connections you will form with our committed and renowned faculty, other students, and alumni, can help secure your place in the larger world of music after graduation. ↗



DEGREE OPPORTUNITIES

The College of Music provides all students with a strong foundation in music theory and history as well as exposure to global and contemporary musical styles and influences. This foundation enables students in all areas of study to develop strong analytical and intellectual skills as they pursue their creative passion.

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS AND DEGREES

Bachelor of Music

Composition
Jazz Studies
Music Education
Music Performance: *brass, percussion, piano, strings, voice, woodwinds*

Bachelor of Arts

Music

GRADUATE PROGRAMS AND DEGREES

Master of Music

Collaborative Piano
Composition
Conducting: *choral, orchestral, wind*
Jazz Studies
Music Education
Music Performance: *brass, percussion, piano, strings, voice, woodwinds*
Music Theory
Piano Pedagogy

Doctor of Musical Arts

Collaborative Piano
Composition
Conducting: *choral, orchestral, wind*
Music Performance: *brass, percussion, piano, strings, voice, woodwinds*

Doctor of Philosophy

Music Education

Master of Arts

Musicology

Non-Degree Programs

Music Minor
Entrepreneurship and Innovation Minor
Performance Diploma
Graduate Certificate in College Teaching
Graduate Certificate in Music Career Development
Graduate Certificate in Music Theory

542
NUMBER OF
MUSIC MAJORS
AT MSU

2021-2022 academic year

264
UNDERGRADS

278
GRAD STUDENTS

OUR FACULTY

EXCEPTIONAL ARTISTS AND SCHOLARS,
ACCESSIBLE MENTORS

Where do you want music to take you?

The College of Music faculty can help you get there.

Dreaming of performing on the biggest stages in the world? Our faculty have been there – Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, Kennedy Center, The Met, and prestigious concert halls around the world.

Do you want to prepare for a life in music, as a musician in symphonies and chamber ensembles or perhaps starting your own new music group? Our faculty have been there, too – creating new music, teaching, and guiding musicians to prominent positions in orchestras around the world, including the Royal Philharmonic, the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, and so many more.

If your dream includes composing, conducting, music education in schools, scholarly work delving into musicology and music theory – or perhaps you want to explore all of it – the faculty at the MSU College of Music have the expertise you need.

They foster strong relationships with students, introducing you to colleagues in the music world, inviting you to join them at gigs, mentoring you as you present at conferences, and staying connected long after graduation. 🎧



45%

OF MUSIC MAJORS ARE FROM MICHIGAN

33% REPRESENT
40 DIFFERENT STATES
OUTSIDE OF MICHIGAN

music.msu.edu/faculty

2020-2021 academic year



STUDENT LIFE

A VILLAGE WITHIN A BIG 10 SETTING



Students at the College of Music enjoy a closely knit creative community and the excitement of a Big 10 university.

As a Music student, you will benefit from our 6:1 student-teacher ratio, ensuring in-depth, individualized attention, and strong classroom connections. You will be known by your peers, professors, and mentors.

The College of Music is in the North Neighborhood of campus with housing nearby. Living close to the college places you in the midst of our friendly, supportive community, strengthening collaborations which help during the rigor of regular practice.

Michigan State University is located in East Lansing, a vibrant college town just minutes away from the state capital. An easy drive east to Detroit or west to the beaches of Lake Michigan as well as Chicago. When students need a break from practice, there are always Spartan games, live concerts, art exhibits, theater, and hundreds of on-campus student clubs to enjoy. As a world-class university, MSU attracts internationally renowned scholars, guest lecturers, and visiting artists who, along with students from around the country and the globe, create a truly international community. 🌍



OVER 20000

MSU STUDENTS WHO MAJOR IN OTHER DISCIPLINES ON CAMPUS PARTICIPATE IN COLLEGE OF MUSIC ENSEMBLES, COURSES AND OTHER ACTIVITIES, HELPING TO CREATE A VIBRANT MUSIC COMMUNITY.

LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR COMMUNITIES

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ALL THE WORLD'S A STAGE

The College of Music offers extensive opportunities for students to develop their skills through renowned ensembles that are open to all MSU students. Most require an audition, and details are available at music.msu.edu/performance.



BANDS

The College of Music concert bands perform the full spectrum of wind music including chamber, contemporary, and traditional repertoire. Wind Symphony, comprised of advanced graduate and undergraduate students, presents six concerts during the academic year with additional national performances. Symphony Band consists of higher level undergraduate music majors and maintains an active performance schedule giving five to six concerts a year. Concert Band, which includes undergraduate music majors and non-majors, and Campus Band, providing playing opportunities for non-music majors campus wide, each present four concerts per year.

University Bands

- Wind Symphony
- Concert Band
- Symphony Band
- Campus Band

Athletic Bands

- Spartan Marching Band
- Spartan Brass

CHOIRS

Choral groups at MSU perform secular and sacred music in all styles and genres representing many eras and cultures. University Chorale is comprised of the top graduate and undergraduate singers in the college and frequently appears with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. State Singers is recognized as the oldest singing organization on campus, and Women's Chamber Ensemble focuses on more contemporary repertoire. Glee clubs are popular ensembles performing in the glee tradition while Campus Choir and Chamber Choir perform music from a range of periods. Choral Union is a community chorus that focuses on major choral-orchestral works. University Chorale, Women's Chamber Ensemble, and Men's Glee have performed at national conferences of the American Choral Directors Association.

University Chorale

- Mosaic (women's chamber ensemble)
- Singing Spartans (men's glee club)
- Chamber Choir
- State Singers
- Viridis (women's glee club)
- Campus Choir
- Choral Union

ORCHESTRAS

The Symphony Orchestra is comprised of some of the most advanced string, wind, and percussion musicians in the college. It maintains a schedule of six main orchestral performances, two full opera productions, and a holiday program each season. The repertoire chosen is often advanced and draws from both the well-established orchestral canon and new works by living composers; it is designed to be an intensive learning environment for musicians further developing core musicianship skills. The Concert Orchestra, which is open to students, staff, and faculty from all corners of the university as well as the greater Lansing community, presents four concerts per year and is designed to be a community-building artistic experience for all involved. An audition is required for participation in all orchestral ensembles at MSU.

Symphony Orchestra

- Concert Orchestra

JAZZ ENSEMBLES

Jazz ensembles include three big bands, each made up of 18 members, playing the repertoire of the great jazz masters as well as a wide range of soul, swing, blues, and gospel. The four octets are eight-piece ensembles that blend the sounds of big band with small group performance. There are also 12 combos, each consisting of four to six members.

- Jazz Orchestras I-III
- Jazz Octets I-IV
- Jazz Combos

MUSIQUE 21

Musique 21 is a project-based group of musicians with a flexible instrumentation. Focusing on innovative presentations of new work utilizing a variety of media including theatre, film, and movement, this adventurous troupe pushes the envelope of 21st century performance. Using a style that has often been called "Theatre of Music," M21 has been enthusiastically celebrated by students, audiences, and critics alike.

MSU OPERA THEATRE

Each season, MSU Opera Theatre presents two fully staged and costumed productions with orchestra. Opera productions are presented in the expertly renovated Fairchild Theatre, bringing audiences a close theatrical experience with stellar acoustics. MSU's recent productions of *The Pirates of Penzance* and *The Magic Flute* took top prize within their respective divisions for the National Opera Association's college competition.

WATCH "TAKING CENTER STAGE" HERE:

music.msu.edu/carnegie



OUTSTANDING FACILITIES

The Billman Music Pavilion

At 37,000-square feet, the Billman Music Pavilion provides space for group practice, chamber music, large ensembles, opera, jazz, student networking and gathering, streaming and recording, scholarly research and presentation, and live audience performance. With state-of-the-art acoustics throughout, the facility has 45 practice rooms and multi-functional spaces that include four new rehearsal halls, two new performance spaces, and two large classrooms.



Murray Hall



Hollander Hall

The Music Building's Cook Recital Hall and Murray Hall

Historic Cook Recital Hall is the heart of performance life in the College of Music. The intimate 182-seat venue has been completely renovated to meet contemporary performance standards, and is used for student rehearsals, recitals, faculty concerts, and master classes. Part of the Billman Music Pavilion expansion, Murray Hall serves as both a rehearsal and performance space. For the principal use of jazz, the venue accommodates 156 patrons with 130 seats on the first level and 26 in the balcony.



Cook Recital Hall



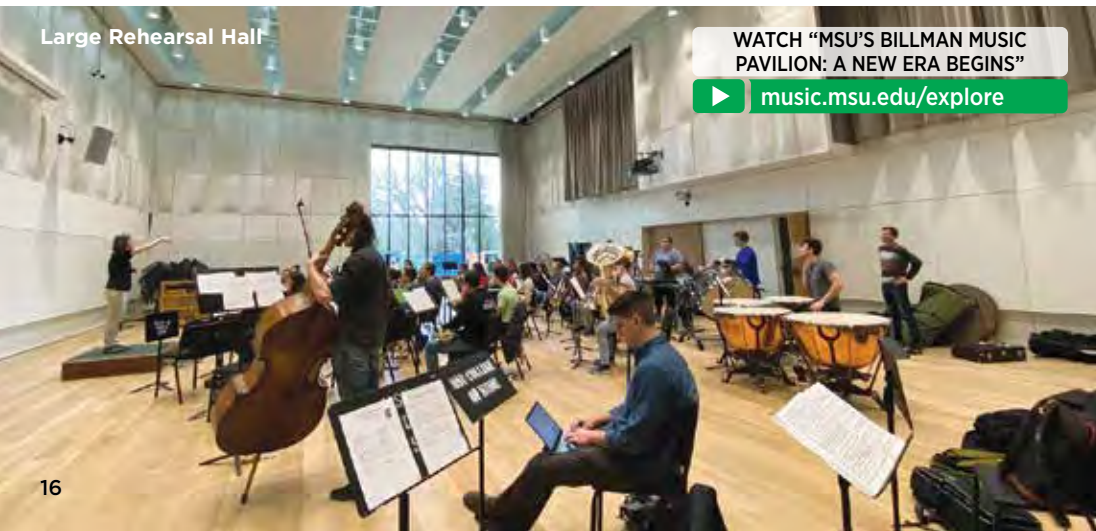
Fairchild Theatre

Fairchild Theatre of the MSU Auditorium

Fairchild Theatre has transformed from a 75-year-old proscenium-stage facility into a modern performance venue with state-of-the-art acoustics, thanks to a recent \$20 million renovation. The 462-seat historic hall hosts College of Music courses, rehearsals, master classes, and performances.

Wharton Center for Performing Arts

The Wharton Center's Cobb Great Hall, which seats 2,420, is used for most College of Music large ensemble performances. Wharton's Pasant Theatre with its thrust stage and intimate ambiance seats 596 and hosts a variety of performances each year. 🎭



Large Rehearsal Hall

WATCH "MSU'S BILLMAN MUSIC PAVILION: A NEW ERA BEGINS"

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Wharton Center, Cobb Great Hall



FROM PASSION TO PROFESSION



The mission of the MSU College of Music is to help students find where their interests and passions, skills and abilities, and professional needs overlap. Music is a passion, but those who thrive in music understand it is also a profession.



The College of Music's Running Start office coordinates extensive opportunities to help students learn how to apply their skills in real-world settings and market their talents for professional success in music.

ON-CAMPUS PREPARATION

- One-on-one career advising.
- Practical training in performance, business, and teaching.
- Workshops on self-marketing, building a private studio, recording techniques, applying for grants, financial management and more.
- Electives offered on business and entrepreneurship concepts.
- Local and national opportunities in music, including part-time work, internships, jobs, festivals, grants, and competitions.

IDEAS INTO ACTION

- Students can earn funding for professional development, business start-ups, outreach projects, recordings, commissions, research, and other creative endeavors.
- Help with grant applications and research for scholarly journals and conference presentations.
- Residencies and internships in real-world settings.
- Access to entrepreneurship resources on campus.



MSU's Entrepreneurship and Innovation minor focuses on core business disciplines including accounting, business law, finance, management, and marketing. College of Music entrepreneurship elective courses on these topics count toward completing this minor.

CELEBRATING DIVERSITY

Equity, inclusion, and fostering a sense of belonging are important hallmarks of the MSU College of Music community. We value diversity and the significant role it plays in helping students develop their creative abilities.

AN ACTIVE AND SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITY

The College of Music at Michigan State University is committed to heightening awareness of social and cultural issues that affect our learning environment. Through cooperative efforts between students, staff, faculty, and leadership, our work in this area uses diverse strategies including a culture of inclusive dialogue, listening, education, engagement, and action. We strive to provide opportunities to empower engagement throughout our community and facilitate conversations on a variety of complex topics. Ultimately, our goal is to promote diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging, and to appreciate the many benefits these values bring.



A GLOBAL FOCUS ON MUSIC

Music bridges cultures and broadens perspectives, and we recognize the power and purpose of international programs that build relationships, create opportunities, and encourage scholarly exchange. Our international focus mirrors that of the university and provides students with exceptional educational and performance programs.

Our programs include:

- MSU-China Vocal Collaboration
- Education Abroad programs in Austria, Cuba, Ireland, and Italy

The international students in the MSU College of Music are valued for the diversity they bring to our community. We work to make international Spartans feel welcome and to address challenges they face. In line with the University's core values, the college works to enable all members of the community to develop skills and competencies to engage across global differences. We promote and support diversity, equity, inclusion, and internationalization within our college and with our partners abroad.

WATCH "THE POWER OF MUSIC AND CULTURAL EXCHANGE" HERE:

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22%

OF MSU MUSIC STUDENTS COME FROM OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES

REPRESENTING 17 COUNTRIES.

2020-2021 academic year



CLOSE-KNIT COMMUNITY

BIG TEN EXCITEMENT



The College of Music community is located in the beautiful north neighborhood of MSU's historic campus. Our main Music Building and Music Practice Building have the charm of a classic college campus with modern amenities, but there is also an exciting life to be lived across campus and the surrounding area.



Choosing where to pursue a college degree is an important decision, and finding the best school for you is the key. At MSU, the College of Music offers a close-knit community that feels like home, but it is in the midst of a vibrant Big Ten community with everything from intramural sports, over 500 student clubs, arts, museums, shopping, and entertainment. It is truly as big or as small a community as you want to make it with a variety of scalable opportunities to help you forge your own path. 🎯

