College of Music
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# MSU College of Music Administrative Organization and Academic Governance

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### Operations***

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**Laura Thompson**
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**Michael Kroth, Interim**

### Piano Technology

**William (Billy) Sadler**
Lead Artist Level Piano Tech

**David Foster**
Artist Level Piano Technician

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**Thomas March**
Facilities Coordinator

### IT Support**

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Network Administrator

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Event Operations Coordinator

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Concert Prod Tech Manager

**James Peters**
Fairchild Stage Manager

### Recording/Video Services

**Jennifer Shangraw**
Recording Services

**Zachary Cunningham**
Video Producer/Director

### Main Office Operations

**Lynne Funk**
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**Christy Jung #**
College of Music Box Office Mgr.

## Associate Dean for Graduate Studies, Research & Creative Endeavors

**Derrick Fox**

### Administration

**Anne Simon**
Admin Assistant to the Associate Deans

### Graduate Advising

**Michael Armendariz**
Advisor

### Career Services and Music Entrepreneurship

**Emily Henley**
Director

**Vacant**
Career Consultant

### Research

**Barbara Dougherty #**
Grant Writer

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Finance Assistant

**Renee Graff ###**
Finance Assistant

## Jazz Studies

**Monzola (Cookey) Whitaker##**
Jazz Studies Administrator

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Director

**Rick Seguin**
Communications Manager

## Human Resources

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## Community Music Schools

**101 Community Music School**
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## Academic Governance

**UNDERGRAD COMMITTEE**
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Nicholas Schumacher (Theory/Comp)
Jean Lee (Ed/Musicology)
Justin Emerich (Performance)
Nicholas Field (At Large: Ed/Musicology)

**COLLEGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**
Elden Little (Performance)
Michael Largey (Academic)
Katherine Kilburn (Performance)
Sarah Long (Academic)
Kenneth Thompkins
(At-Large: No area rotation)
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Michael Kroth (Ex-officio)
Derrick Fox (Ex-officio)

**TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE**
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Kenneth Prouty
Jane Bunnell
Michael Dease
Justin Baker
Jen Shangraw
Andrea Worful
Tom March
David Foster

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Justin Emerich (Brass)
David Biedenbender (Composition)
Sandra Snow(Conducting)
Rodney Whitaker (Jazz Studies)
Deborah Moriarty (Keyboard)
Ryan Shaw (Music Education)
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Kevin Bartig (Musicology/ Ethnomusicology)
Gwen Dease (Percussion)
Suren Bagratuni (Strings)
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James Forger (Ex-officio)
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TBD (Student)
TBD (Student)
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TBD (Performance)
Patrick Johnson (Theory/Comp)
Octavio Mas-Arocas (Performance)
Randy Napoleon (At large: Performance)

**** Shared service through MSU IT Services**
*****Shared service with Department of Theatre**

**# On-Call Staff**
**## Official reporting relationship with Associate Dean For Undergrad Studies and Operations**
**### Dual reporting relationship with Finance and Human Resources**

**For inquiries regarding this chart,**
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