



CENTRAL WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

MUSIC

General Departmental Information

The music department at CWU is well known for its excellence in many areas of music study. The University is proud of the reputation of the department, and invites you to become familiar with its many strengths. The department hosts an annual Open House each February, at which prospective students may audition for scholarships and acceptance into the program, as well as visit classes and rehearsals.

- The department is dedicated to creating a mutually supportive, close-knit, collegial community of musicians comprised of 19 full-time faculty, 14 adjunct faculty and approximately 250 majors.
- Plans for a new music facility are currently in the design stage. Construction should begin next year and the new building ready for occupancy in 2003.
- It is the premier institution for the preparation of public school music teachers in the state of Washington.
- Many groups, including the Jazz Ensembles, the Orchestra, the Wind Ensemble, the Percussion Ensemble and the Choirs have developed outstanding reputations for excellence.
- Opportunities for participation in musical theater are available in joint Music/Theater Arts department productions.
- The department sponsors a growing Preparatory Program for public school students. Instruction in strings, winds and piano offer opportunity to gain experience in teaching and earn stipends.
- The department is an accredited member of the National Association of Schools of Music.

Undergraduate Degree Programs

- Bachelor of Arts in Music:
- Bachelor of Music in Performance or Composition/Theory:
- Bachelor of Music in Music Education:
- Vocal/Choral Music Education Major
- Bachelor of Music Business

Graduate Degree Programs

Master of Music

Scholarships and Financial Aid

The Department of Music annually awards scholarships to entering and continuing music majors. Some Department of Music awards include the Presser Foundation Scholarship, scholarships for specific instruments, the Yakima Symphony/CWU cooperative awards to string majors. Farrell Grants are also available to upper division students. These competitive grants support student artistic projects. Grants cover tuition and costs incurred by the projects.

Performance

Music performance is an intrinsic aspect of the music community of the department. Every student participates in at least one of the following large ensembles:

- Symphonic Band; Wind Ensemble
- University Chorale; Chamber Choir
- University Orchestra

Student Organizations

- Music Educators National Conference (MENC)-the state president for the last three years has been a CWU student.
- International Association of Jazz Educators (IAJE),
- American String Teachers Association (ASTA),
- American Choral Directors Association (ACDA).
- Additional student organizations are the CWU Horn Club and the CWU TUBAS. Student-generated activities have also included chamber orchestras and regularly scheduled sessions in jazz improvisation and performance.

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