Where artistry and innovation share center stage.

The College of Fine Arts is a community of nationally and internationally recognized artists and professionals organized into five schools: architecture, art, design, drama and music, and its associated centers and programs.

The College of Fine Arts enhances and integrates the excellence and distinction of its top-ranked schools with the strengths of the university to establish a position of international leadership in preparing students to engage successfully with local and international communities and in transforming the professions through critical inquiry and creative production.

**ADMITTED CLASS – FALL 2017**

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**Popular Courses**

- Advanced Analytical Techniques
- Symphonies of Mahler
- Piano Pedagogy
- Movement and Dance for voice majors
- Wind Literature and Repertoire
- Multi-track Recording and Editing
- Opera Workshop
- World Music

**Music Admitted Student Averages**

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There are 250+ events in the School of Music each year.

For information go to music.cmu.edu/events

**PROGRAMS**

- Bachelor of Fine Arts
  - Composition
  - Instrumental Performance
  - Keyboard Performance
  - Vocal Performance

- Bachelor of Science in Music and Technology
  - In collaboration with the School of Computer Science and the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering

- Music Education Certification

- BXA Intercollege Degree Music Concentrations
  - Music Composition
  - Music Technology
  - Musicology and Cultural Studies
  - Performance (instrumental, piano, voice)

- Minors for Music Majors
  - Collaborative Piano
  - Conducting
  - Music Composition
  - Music Education
  - Music Performance
  - Music Technology
  - Music Theory

- Double Major

**FACULTY**

**Ensembles**

- Baroque Ensemble
- Brass Ensemble
- Chorus
- CMU Singers
- Contemporary Ensemble
- Exploded Ensemble
- Guitar Ensemble
- Jazz Orchestra
- Jive
- Opera Orchestra
- Percussion Ensemble
- Philharmonic
- Wind Ensemble

**Competitions**

- Philharmonic Soloist Competition
- Baroque Ensemble Concerto Competition
- Silberman Chamber Music Competition
- Wind Ensemble Concerto Competition
- Contemporary Ensemble Competition

**Productions**

The School of Music produces three operas each season. All productions are fully staged with orchestra.

**Notable Faculty**

- 22 faculty are members of the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra
- Andres Cardenes, former Concertmaster, Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra
- David Harding, viola, Trio Verlaine
- Maria Spacagna, soprano, The Metropolitan Opera
- Leonardo Balada, composition; works have been performed by the world’s leading orchestras
- Hanna Wu Li, piano, recipient of the Presidential Scholar’s Distinguished Teaching Award from the White House
Distinguished alumni and faculty populate the ranks of the world’s most prestigious orchestras and opera companies:

- New York Philharmonic
- Chicago Symphony Orchestra
- Metropolitan Opera
- Prague Philharmonia
- Oberlin College and Conservatory
- Boston Pops
- BBC Orchestras
- Lyric Opera of Chicago

Current students regularly gig with local churches and high school musicals. Many also have the opportunity to work with regional orchestras and production companies.

Many students take the summers to further develop their skills across the globe. Students have recently participated in programs such as:

- AIM in Graz
- Aspen Music Festival and School
- Bowdoin International Music Festival
- Brevard Music Festival
- Metropolitan Opera
- Prague Philharmonia
- Oberlin College and Conservatory
- Boston Pops
- BBC Orchestras
- The President’s Own United States Marine Band

Students often develop creative relationships that result in opportunities after graduation. Recent examples include:

- C Street Brass
- Cello Fury
- NAT 28
- The Brass Roots

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Alumni Accomplishments

James Wyman (MM 2010) principal timpani, Baltimore Symphony Orchestra
Graham Fenton (A 2005) Jersey Boys, Broadway
Ari Winters (BHA 2005, MET 2006) award winning composer and the creator of music software and video game scores
Emma Steele (BFA 2012) violin, concertmaster of the Royal Danish Opera Orchestra in Copenhagen
Liam Bonner (BFA 2003) baritone, The Metropolitan Opera, Houston Grand Opera
Michael Kooman (BFA 2006) composer, received the 2010 Jonathan Larson Grant and is the first recipient of the Lorenz Hart Award
Tilden Olsen (BFA 2009, MM 2011) trumpet, “The President’s Own” United States Marine Band
Rachel Ordaz (BFA 2011) was awarded the position of 3rd flute and piccolo with the Virginia Symphony
Joel Reist (BFA 1993) principal bass, Nashville Symphony
Cristian Ganicenco (MM 1997) principal trombone, Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra
Marie Tachouet (MM 2008) principal flute, Lyric Opera of Chicago
Erin Dowrey (BFA 2012) percussion, San Diego Symphony