DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC

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The Department of Music promotes the study and experience of music in its broadest sense: preparing artist teachers and performers, enhancing creativity and the human spirit, and enriching the quality of life on campus, in the region, and in our global community. Western Kentucky University has been a fully accredited member of the National Association of Schools of Music since 1948.

A large part of the department's mission is the preparation of music teachers and professional musicians. Students with broad musical interests may select a music major or minor within a diversified liberal arts program. Music degree programs provide for the development of basic musicianship through conceptual understanding of musical properties and their interrelationships, relevant opportunities for listening, performing, composing, and scholarship, and the acquisition of a repertory representative of various cultures and historical periods. Competencies in various areas and at varying levels appropriate to each program of music concentration are developed through a sequence of studies and assessments.

Programs

- Music, Master of Music (0453) (https://catalog.wku.edu/graduate/arts-letters/music/music-mm/)

Faculty

Professor

Heidi P. Alvarez DM (Music Performance), Florida State University, 1998
Paul L. Hondorp DMA (Music Conducting), Michigan State University, 2003
Elizabeth H. Kelly DMA (Voice), University of Cincinnati Main Campus, 2008
Ching-Yi Lin DM (Violin), Indiana University-Bloomington, 2010
Zachary A. Lopes DMA (Piano), University of Cincinnati Main Campus, 2013
Gary T. Schallert DA (Music, Conducting), University of Northern Colorado, 2001

Associate Professor

Sarah Herbert DMA (Musical Arts), University of Cincinnati Main Campus, 2017
Matthew J. Herman DMA (Music Composition), Temple University, 2003
Brian A. St John DMA (Conducting), Arizona State University-ALL, 2010
Lauren E. Whitham DMA (Music), University of Georgia, 2017
Catherine M. Wilson PhD (Music), University of Iowa, 2013

Pedagogical Associate Professor

Matthew J. McCurry DMA (Musical Arts), West Virginia University, 2019

Pedagogical Assistant Professor

Jessica L. Welsh DMA (Piano Pedagogy), Texas Christian University, 2021

Instructor II

John E. Martin MM (Music), Austin Peay State University, 1995