

# Northwestern | BIENEN SCHOOL OF MUSIC







**“The moment I stepped onto campus, I felt an incredible sense of belonging.”**

MINGHAO KELVIN LIU, CLARINET





# SHINE ON STAGE



“I chose Bienen because of its history of excellence in the performing ensembles and studios.”



CHRIS CARRIGG, EUPHONIUM



## EXPERIENCE ENDLESS PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITIES

- 17 major ensembles—including orchestral, choral, wind, and jazz
- Chamber music ensembles
- Three fully staged operas per year
- Jazz combos
- Weekly studio classes
- Master classes with visiting artists
- Solo recitals
- Conducting-student recitals
- Composition showcases
- Annual school-sponsored competitions
- Gig service for professional opportunities
- Student-run opera company, OPUS
- Create your own concerts



SEE UPCOMING PERFORMANCES





# LEARN FROM THE BEST



The Bienen School's outstanding faculty comprises 125 performers, composers, and scholars who are recognized worldwide for their dedication to excellence and passion for teaching.

#### FACULTY INCLUDE CURRENT AND FORMER MEMBERS OF

- Chicago, Dallas, Detroit, Milwaukee, Pittsburgh, St. Louis, and Toronto Symphony Orchestras
- Cleveland, Minnesota, and Philadelphia Orchestras
- New York Philharmonic
- National Brass Ensemble
- Lyric Opera of Chicago, Santa Fe Opera, and Metropolitan Opera orchestras



MEET OUR FACULTY



**“The warmth and spirit of the Northwestern community are deeply inspiring to me.”**

KAYLIN CHUNG, VIOLIN



# BY THE NUMBERS



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RANKED MUSIC SCHOOL IN AMERICA BY NICHE.COM

400

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

125

FACULTY MEMBERS

134

PRACTICE ROOMS

200

GRADUATE STUDENTS

5:1

STUDENT-TO-FACULTY RATIO

7

PERFORMANCE VENUES

74%

OF STUDENTS RECEIVE FINANCIAL AID

400+

CONCERTS AND EVENTS PER YEAR



# EXPLORE CAMPUS AND BEYOND

A Bienen School education combines conservatory-level musical training with the academic benefits and resources of one of the nation's best universities.

- 600+ clubs and organizations
- Abundant mental, spiritual, and physical health resources
- 26 on-campus residences
- Proximity to Chicago, one of the nation's most vibrant cities
- Easy and free public transit options
- Career advancement office
- Access to University Libraries' extensive music collection

**“Unlike most traditional music schools, Bienen offers students the chance to have a real university experience alongside their music education.”**

MCKENNA TROY, VOICE AND OPERA



Todd Rosenberg, courtesy of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra



EXPERIENCE  
CAMPUS

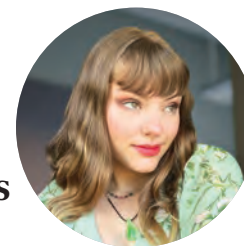




# DISCOVER AND NURTURE YOUR PASSIONS



“Bienen caught my attention because of the flexibility students have to explore fields both in and out of music.”



PIPER MILLER, MUSIC EDUCATION AND VOICE AND OPERA

## BACHELOR OF MUSIC

Brass  
Composition  
Jazz Studies  
Music Cognition  
Music Education  
Music Theory  
Musicology  
Percussion  
Piano  
Strings  
Voice and Opera  
Woodwinds

## MASTER OF MUSIC

Brass  
Conducting  
Jazz Studies  
Music Education  
Music Theory  
Musicology  
Percussion  
Piano  
Strings  
Voice and Opera  
Woodwinds

## BACHELOR OF ARTS IN MUSIC

### UNDERGRADUATE DOUBLE MAJORS AND DUAL DEGREES

Undergraduate students are able to pursue more than one area of study at Northwestern.

- Liberal Arts
- Communication
- Education and Social Policy
- Engineering
- Journalism

## DOCTOR OF MUSICAL ARTS

Brass  
Conducting  
Percussion  
Piano  
Strings  
Voice and Opera  
Woodwinds

## DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Composition and  
Music Technology  
Music Education  
Music Theory and Cognition  
Musicology

EXPLORE  
DEGREES





# FIND YOURSELF HERE



**“I chose Bienen for its illustrious reputation, prestigious faculty, beautiful location, and access to the vast resources of a top-tier research university.”**

COLLIN JINKS, PIANO

Visit our campus,  
experience our city,  
and discover our passion  
for musical artistry.

PLAN  
YOUR VISIT





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## APPLICATION DEADLINES

Undergraduate Early Decision  
**October 15**

Undergraduate Regular Decision  
**December 1**

Graduate (MM/DMA/PhD)  
**December 1**



**HOW TO  
APPLY**

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