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THE DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC

The five-story Presser Music Building is one of the finest music facilities of any small college. It includes a 240-seat acoustically-superior recital hall, large and small rehearsal rooms, modern computer and piano laboratories, a music education resource center, ensemble libraries and offices, practice rooms (many with grand pianos), teaching studios, classrooms, seminar rooms, and a student lounge.

Besides a wide variety of instrumental and vocal performance ensembles, the department also offers private instruction and a Bachelor of Arts degree program in Music or Music Education, as well as a minor in Music.

We also have available a variety of special and unique scholarship funds for music majors, allowing students to purchase music scores, to pursue international study, and to attend special workshops, conferences, and professional performances in the region.



WIND ENSEMBLE

The Wind Ensemble is an instrumental group that performs standard symphonic wind literature by composers like Gustav Holst and Percy Grainger, but also a significant number of contemporary works by living composers like Steven Bryant and John Mackey. This ensemble provides students a chance to enhance their music appreciation and individual instrumental skills through performance. Open to all Berea College students regardless of major, membership is gained upon completion of a successful audition. This ensemble rehearses twice weekly and performs two to three concerts a semester. Formal concert attire is provided for all members.

AUDITIONS

Auditions for both ensembles take place before the fall semester, although some auditions may be heard at the beginning of the spring semester as needed. Students are encouraged to bring a prepared solo or etude, but this is not required. All students will be asked to sight-read and possibly play some basic scales. Students who do not own their own instrument will be provided one at the audition and then will have the option to use one during the semester for a nominal fee. Information concerning auditions will be sent out by Berea email in early August and will be publicized on posters throughout campus.

JAZZ ENSEMBLE

The Jazz Ensemble is a traditional Big Band that performs jazz literature of all 20th century styles including swing, blues, funk, Latin, and jazz-rock fusion. This select group provides students a vehicle for jazz appreciation and continued growth as an instrumentalist through performance. The art of improvisation is an important element of the jazz idiom and therefor part of the curriculum for this ensemble. Jazz Ensemble rehearses twice weekly, performs two to three concerts a semester and is open to all Berea College students, regardless of major. Membership is gained by completion of a successful audition. Formal concert attire is provided for all members.

BEREA COLLEGE

Founded in 1855 by Rev. John G. Fee, Berea College is distinctive among post-secondary institutions for providing a tuition free undergraduate education to students and for having been the first college in the Southern United States to be coeducational and racially integrated. The college currently enrolls over 1600 students and offers Bachelor's degrees in 32 majors. It has a full-participation work-study program in which students are required to work at least 10 hours per week in campus and service jobs in over 130 departments. Berea's primary service region is Southern Appalachia, but students come from 43 states in the United States and over 60 other countries, with approximately one of every three students identifying as a member of an ethnic minority or an international community.

"Being in band has given me a second family, a place to relieve the stresses of college and life. I wouldn't trade the memories that we have made for anything in the world."

-Brittany LaBelle

PRIVATE LESSONS

Whether you have limited skills on your instrument or you are an all-state participant, applied lessons are a great way to improve your individual musicianship. Like every class at Berea, lessons are provided for **free**! Applied lessons can be taken for 1/4 credit (one half-hour lesson per week) or 1/2 credit (one 60 minute lesson per week). For more information about enrolling for applied music lessons, please contact the department secretary at 859.985.3466.

Selebrating Over 145 Years of Making Music!

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