Music

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Undergraduate major: music (B.A., B.M.)
Undergraduate minor: music
Graduate degrees: M.A. in music; Ph.D. in music; D.M.A.
Graduate minor: theory pedagogy
Graduate certificate: sacred music
Faculty: https://music.uiowa.edu/people
Website: https://music.uiowa.edu/

Facilities

The School of Music is housed in the Voxman Music Building, a state-of-the-art facility in the heart of the downtown campus that opened in the fall of 2016. The 190,000 square-foot building includes a 700-seat concert hall; 200-seat recital hall; organ performance hall; opera and chamber music rehearsal spaces; faculty studios; classrooms; practice rooms; specialized facilities for music therapy, electronic music, and percussion; and light-filled public and social spaces. The building features the latest instructional and recording technology, and superior acoustic ambience and isolation.

Center for New Music

The Center for New Music is a vital component of the School of Music’s composition program. Since its founding in 1966, the center has been both laboratory and showcase for late 20th- and 21st-century music. It presents at least four concerts of contemporary works each academic season. It also provides a forum for visiting composers and other creative artists, bringing new music to a variety of outreach venues. Audition, rehearsal, and programming information is available on the Center for New Music website.

Rita Benton Music Library

The Rita Benton Music Library is located on the first floor of the Voxman Music Building. The Music Library holds more than 90,000 scores, including chamber music sets; 51,000 books, including bound journals; 125 active periodical subscriptions; and 46,000 media items in all formats. The Arthur and Miriam Canter Rare Book Room holds around 3,000 rare books and scores and has particular strengths in 18th- and 19th-century music theory treatises and instrumental methods, and an outstanding collection of keyboard and chamber music of Ignaz Pleyel. Additional music collections of note are housed in Special Collections and University Archives, including the Goldman Band Collection; the University of Iowa’s Center for New Music papers; and papers of composers Philip Greeley Clapp, William Hibbard, and Donald Martin Jenni. The Music Library holds the School of Music Recordings Archive, including faculty recital and ensemble concert program, audio recordings, and video recordings.

The Library’s online subscriptions include research tools such as Grove Music Online, RILM, RIPM, RISM, Music Index, International Index to Music Periodicals (IIMP), and the Oxford Music Bibliographies. Streaming media resources include Naxos Music Library Jazz and video libraries, Berlin Philharmonic Digital Concert Hall, Met Opera on Demand: Student Access, music online, and DRAM.

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