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» DEVELOP YOUR GIFT AND SHARE YOUR TALENT

Concordia University's bachelor of arts in music degree refines your musical talent and prepares you for a rewarding career. The Concordia music program features three areas of emphasis –

MUSIC EDUCATION Earn a bachelor of arts in music and a master of arts in teaching degree in this five-year program. You will graduate with the credentials to teach music at schools, churches, and colleges.

CHURCH MINISTRY Focus on the vital role music plays in the life of a Christian community. Open to students of any denomination, this four-year program provides experience with diverse worship styles and a practicum with a congregation.

GRADUATE SCHOOL PREPARATION Prepare to compete for admission to the finest advanced study music programs in the nation through this four-year program.

Course Spotlight – Performance Ensembles

Stretch your skills and develop your ear for collaboration in one of Concordia's performing ensembles. Explore the varied classical repertoire for –

- › Brass
- › Handbells
- › Praise
- › Winds
- › Choirs
- › Percussion
- › Strings

Faculty Profile – Kurt Berentsen

MUSIC PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Kurt Berentsen earned a masters degree with an emphasis in vocal performance and choral conducting in 1986 at the University of California, Santa Barbara. He was the founding music director of both the Santa Barbara Oratorio Chorale and the 100+ member Gold Coast Concert Choir of Ventura, California. He has conducted concerts at Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts in New York City and performed in Carnegie Hall, Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, the Metropolitan Opera House, The Forum in Rome, Guildford Hall in England, Anglais de Madeline in Paris, Basilica di Masentio in Italy, among many locations throughout the United States and Europe. His ministry in church music has thrived for over 20 years. Professor Berentsen treats musical education as a calling, "I encourage our musicians when they perform to feel they are offering their finest gifts in service to others and God."



Faculty Profile – Walter E. Krueger

PROFESSOR

Walter E. Krueger, Ph.D. is a Lutheran musician and educator with over 35 years of professional experience. An organ recitalist, lecturer and hymn festival leader, Krueger has composed a number of works for organ, choir, and instruments, as well as arranged a number of classical organ works for performance.

Dr. Krueger is a Fellow of the American Guild of Organists (FAGO) and has earned degrees from Concordia University, River Forest, Illinois and the University of Michigan. His earned doctorate in Music History and Organ is from Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois.

Why a Concordia University Music Degree?

1. Perform in select venues that have recently included Europe, Hawaii, Alaska, and California
2. Earn financial aid through talent and academic scholarships
3. Study of all genres of Western music to expand the range of your repertoire
4. Develop musical leadership skills in small classes
5. Excel with individual attention from professors



Sample Curriculum

The following is a sampling of the many classes that have recently been offered in our curriculum –

MUSIC THEORY

Practice using melodic, harmonic, and rhythmic materials for analysis of existing music and for creating various forms of original music.

HISTORY OF MUSIC

Study music and music literature from ancient times to the present, including a survey of uniquely American music like jazz, spirituals, and music for theatre and film.

CONCORDIA ENSEMBLES

Perform varied traditional ensembles repertoire from all stylistic musical periods.

PRIVATE PERFORMANCE INSTRUCTION

Experienced performers and teachers provide focused, individual attention in the instrument of your choice.

Financial Aid

Concordia University ensemble and choir directors can award talent scholarships to deserving student musicians. These awards can be combined with academic scholarships to help with the cost of higher education. Auditions are required for all music majors and ensemble participation. The Office of Admission would be happy to help schedule your audition.

Next Step

We are passionate about quality music and a quality education. If you would like to become a part of this vibrant program, contact the Concordia University Office of Admission at –

800-321-9371 503-280-8501 admissions@cu-portland.edu www.concordiamusic.com



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