To Prospective Music Students,
Illinois Wesleyan’s School of Music is committed to excellence, and to providing the BEST EDUCATION to our students. We are proud of the ACHIEVEMENTS of our alumni and of their meaningful contributions to society at large, and to the art of music and education. As well, our distinguished faculty enjoy a global reach, whether in musical performance, or in scholarly research: we strive to bring new knowledge to our field through published research, and through musical performances that add to the existing canon of monuments in the musical arts. At IWU, you will have the opportunity to work with globally renowned artists and scholars, all of whom are committed to PREPARING YOU for future careers and for graduate studies.

OUR CURRICULUM is diverse, balanced and comprehensive, and addresses the fast changing needs of our profession. At our school, you will have many opportunities to hear extraordinary and diverse musical performances, and you will have exposure to the best scholarly supervision you can find. You will also have ample opportunity to participate in the rich variety of public performances we host each year.

Most importantly, OUR PROMISE is that you will grow with us in a nurturing and supportive environment, and one which is student-centered.

Franklin Larey
Director and Professor, School of Music

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100

The percentage of Steinway pianos on campus envisioned for 2020

156

Years that the School of Music has enjoyed a national reputation for producing talented musicians, vocalists, composers and educators

No. 10

Best college town (Business Insider, 2015)

Top 50

College towns with best music scenes (GoodDealStats, 2016)

No. 1

Most educated city in Illinois (Yahoo! Finance, 2016)

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“Amazing cities you’ve never thought to live in, but should” (Huffington Post, 2016)

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“While pursuing a master’s degree, I realized how amazing my IWU training had been.”

Kyle Pfortmiller ’92, baritone
New York City Opera, Metropolitan Opera debut, 2011
Above: IWU Collegiate Choir, directed by J. Scott Ferguson, invited to sing at the International Choral Festival Universitas Cantat in Poznań, Poland.

Above: Elisabeth Williams ’20 and Filip Duda ’19 in IWU Opera Theatre’s production of Trial by Jury by Gilbert and Sullivan.

THE SCHOOL OF MUSIC

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from our distinguished faculty. Student-faculty relationships are essential to any musician’s education and training. Our low student-to-teacher ratio ensures that every student will enjoy personal attention in class settings and a close mentoring relationship with an applied teacher.

EDUCATE and share your love of music. Music Education is an integral part of IWU’s School of Music with a comprehensive curriculum that aims to teach future music educators how to effectively engage and challenge K-12 music students in a variety of class settings. Our program, with a 100% job placement rate for 2018 grads, has laid the foundation for many successful careers and influential leaders shaping the future of music education.

THE CENTERPIECE of IWU’s New Music Series is the Symposium of Contemporary Music, the longest-running event of its kind at any U.S. college or university. Recent guests of the Symposium include University of Virginia composer Judith Shatin, composer/vocalist Eve Beglarian, and Chicago’s Fifth House Ensemble.

THE OPERA PROGRAM at the School of Music presents bi-annual performances of operatic excerpts and full-scale productions. Recent productions have included The Coronation of Poppea (Monteverdi), The Marriage of Figaro (Mozart), The Medium and Amahl and the Night Visitors (Menotti), Trial by Jury (Gilbert and Sullivan), and, during the Fall 2019 semester, Cendrillon (Massenet).

PERFORM on campus, in the community, and on national and international tours in our more than 100 concerts and recitals that we present each year. Because our ensembles are comprised of only undergraduates, students are able to acquire performance experiences in ways seldom available at schools of comparable size.

DESIGN your own unique path. From student-led groups, to internships and study abroad opportunities, you’re free to choose the possibilities.

MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS

Renewable music scholarships are awarded based on audition and scholastic background. Institutional need-based aid is also available. For more information on scholarships, visit:

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