To Prospective Music Students,

The faculty of the School of Music is committed to providing their artists-in-training with the comprehensive musicianship, knowledge, and skills required to pursue successful music careers in the 21st century. Personal instruction is the key to your success, so every class at Illinois Wesleyan is taught by our faculty members and not graduate teaching assistants. We will prepare you for your musical life after IWU, whether that be performance, music education, arts administration, music technology, or any other career path you can dream of!

Our innovative curriculum fosters your creativity and artistry by educating the whole person. Being at a nationally ranked university like IWU allows you to explore other interests, and perhaps even a second major, while still focusing on your craft with our conservatory-style bachelor’s degree.

As a member of Illinois Wesleyan’s College of Fine Arts (Schools of Music, Art, and Theatre Arts), we enrich the cultural life of Bloomington-Normal, playing a major role in partnering with neighboring academic, civic, and religious organizations to foster a spirit of collaboration in our community.

Musicians perform, which is critical to your training and development. Our performance opportunities range from major ensembles like the Symphony Orchestra, Wind Ensemble, and Collegiate Choir, to solo recitals and chamber music. IWU offers lots of ways for you to showcase your craft!

Performance, however, is never done in a vacuum. Our students integrate historical and theoretical knowledge from classwork into their recital performances. One of our newest initiatives, called Signature Experiences, allows students to graduate with a more complete portfolio to jumpstart their careers.

Our alumni are successful, well-respected artists who practice their craft around the globe. Envision your future with us at Illinois Wesleyan!

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Because our ensembles are comprised of only undergraduates, students are able to acquire performance experiences in ways seldom available at schools of comparable size.

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.

“At Illinois Wesleyan, I had the opportunity to participate in numerous high-quality ensembles led by world-class faculty. From several tours with the wind and jazz ensembles, I was able to experience music in other parts of the country and world, which helped me to gain solid real-world performance experiences.”
— Amy McCabe ’01, trumpet, Military Musician, Washington, DC

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