

# MUSIC

## DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC

### COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS



## WHAT CAN I DO WITH A MUSIC DEGREE?

Slippery Rock University music majors have gone on to pursue a variety of fulfilling careers. SRU's recent music education graduates are working as teachers of Pre-K through 12 in both public and private schools. SRU's music therapy majors gain employment in schools, nursing homes, psychiatric treatment centers, correctional facilities, rehabilitation centers, shelters or in private practice. SRU's music performance majors find opportunities as performers and private teachers. SRU students pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree may look forward to careers in music merchandising, church music, the marching arts, and the television and radio industry. Many of SRU's music students, regardless of degree program, go on to graduate school to pursue advanced degrees in music and related areas, many becoming university professors themselves.

## MUSIC AT SRU

Music degree programs at SRU are designed to appeal to the interests and career goals of today's students. All programs are accredited by the National Association of Schools of Music, and the music faculty consist of the finest performing artists and master teachers in the area. Many factors blend to create an excellent learning environment, including a low student to teacher ratio and ample facilities for study and practice.

## WHY CHOOSE MUSIC AT SRU?

- 1. World-class faculty:** Students will be taught by faculty who are recognized throughout the state, region, nation and world as top performers and teachers in their fields. No graduate assistants teach classes, lessons or ensembles in the Music Department.
- 2. Career and graduate school opportunities:** We are pleased to be able to say that we have an impressively high success rate in job placement for recent music therapy and music education graduates who go directly into the profession. Our music majors also have success in gaining entrance to the nation's most prestigious graduate schools, winning military band auditions, starting music publishing companies and being hired to teach music at colleges and universities throughout the country.
- 3. Ensemble performance opportunities:** Music majors have the opportunity to perform in a diverse array of ensembles while at SRU. Our ensembles have toured and performed throughout the United States and internationally, including Ireland, Italy, the Netherlands, France, Russia, Switzerland and Germany. Ensembles at SRU have performed world premieres of works by leading composers in multiple genres and have several full-length recordings to their credit. With no graduate students on campus, our undergraduate music majors can audition for and perform in any of our ensembles. In 2019, the SRU Marching Pride won "Best Overall Band" at the St. Patrick's Day Parade when they toured Dublin, Ireland. The SRU Winter Guard also won two International gold medals at the same event.
- 4. Applied lessons:** All music majors, regardless of degree choice, receive a weekly, hour-long lesson on their major instrument by our expert faculty.
- 5. Accredited by the National Association of Schools of Music:** Accreditation means that our programs meet or exceed the industry standards developed by experts in the music field.

## MAJORS

- Music (BA)
- Music Education (BM)\*
- Music Performance (BM)
- Music Therapy (BM)\*\*

## MINORS

- Chamber Music Performance
- Music
- Music for Education
- Music for Education: Early Childhood
- Music for Education: Marching Arts
- Music for Education: Vocal Music

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## INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

SRU Music Therapy students have completed internships at various locations including:

- UPMC Children's Hospital and Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic (Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania)
- Penn State-Hershey Medical Center (Hershey, Pennsylvania)
- Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital (St. Petersburg, Florida)
- Mary Cariola Children's Center (Rochester, New York)
- Atascadero State Hospital (Atascadero, California)
- Sounding Joy (Honolulu, Hawaii)

SRU Music Education students have the following opportunities:

- Collaboration with the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra, Children's Museum of Pittsburgh, Butler County Children's Center, and the SRU/SGA Preschool through the Early Childhood and Elementary Music Community Engagement Initiative
- Partnership with Santa Fe Public Schools, Santa Fe Indian School, and New Mexico School for the Arts for students to experience immersion in a diverse class setting
- Students work as band staff and assistant directors at area schools and choir directors at various local churches

## CAREER OUTCOMES

Graduates have secured careers in the following areas:

- Military Band Musician, U.S. Navy and U.S. Air Force
- Education Market Manager, PreSonus Audio Electronics
- Professional Musician, Atlanta, Georgia
- College Professor, Texas Woman's University, Emory University, Sacred Heart University, Baldwin Wallace University and others
- Broadway Touring Company Musician, Cinderella and Mamma Mia
- Cruise Ship Musician, Royal Caribbean, Princess Cruises, Emerald Cruises

## CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

- Gospel Choir
- Music Theatre Society
- Music Therapy Club
- Mu Phi Epsilon
- Numerous Ensemble Clubs
- Percussion Club
- Pennsylvania College Music Educators Association



## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

### Megan Charlesworth, '15

*Music teacher at Lancaster Country Day School, Lancaster, Pennsylvania*

"The education I received through the SRU Music Department fully prepared me to enter the world of teaching with confidence. I am so grateful to my SRU music professors for the community of support they offered as I developed into a music educator, as well as their continuous support as I grow further in my career. I am proud to attribute much of who I am today as an educator to being an alumna of the SRU Music Department."

### Sean Murphy, '11

*Assistant Professor of Arts Management and Entrepreneurship, Baldwin Wallace University*

"Attending SRU was extremely beneficial for my development as a musician and professional in the field. As a student, I was encouraged and supported to grow into the best musician and educator possible. The faculty are invested in the success of each student and provide meaningful mentorships that last a lifetime."

### Nicole Steele, '05

*NICU Music therapist, Children's Hospital of UPMC, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania*

"My experience in the music therapy program at SRU was one of the most influential and pivotal times of my life. It not only provided me with a wonderful foundation in music therapy, but my professors embodied a high level of passion and drive for the field and for education."

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