The Pennsylvania State University

Founded in 1855, The Pennsylvania State University is the Commonwealth’s only land-grant institution and a member of the Big Ten Conference. Approximately 80,000 students are enrolled in more than twenty separate campuses, with over 40,000 attending the University Park campus. Penn State boasts the largest dues-paying alumni association in the country, with one in every 665 U.S. residents holding a degree from the University. Situated within the beauty of the central Pennsylvania foothills, the University Park campus of Penn State offers outstanding programs in a wide range of disciplines. The Center for the Performing Arts, Pennsylvania Centre Stage, Palmer Museum of Art, Music at Penn’s Woods, and schools and departments within the College of Arts and Architecture provide high-quality, year-round artistic enrichment for the University community and surrounding region.

The School of Music

The Penn State School of Music takes pride in its student-centered philosophy and the quality of the individualized instruction provided by its fifty full-time faculty, guest artists, and scholars. Enrolling approximately 350 students, the school grants undergraduate and graduate degrees in a wide range of programs that help students develop as performers, teachers, and scholars. All students at Penn State’s University Park campus, both music majors and non-majors, can make music in ensembles ranging in size from 4- and 5-member chamber ensembles to the 325-member Marching Blue Band. In addition to three orchestras, four bands, seven choirs, and three jazz ensembles, the Penn State School of Music offers genre-specific ensembles such as the Baroque Orchestra, Essence of Joy, jazz combos, and numerous like-instrument ensembles. As a part of its educational program, artistic vision, and outreach, the School of Music offers more than 350 concerts annually. Performances take place in the 2,400-seat Eisenhower Auditorium, the 900-seat Schwab Auditorium, and the 500-seat Esber Recital Hall.

The School of Music’s outreach efforts includes summer programs for professional musicians and young performers. Penn State Summer Music Camp, offered each year in July, is an intense, week-long experience for high school-aged students. The camp includes opportunities to perform in orchestra, band, choir, and jazz ensembles, solo and chamber music ensembles, piano, and offers music academic classes such as music history, music theory, conducting, and listening. For professional musicians, Music at Penn’s Woods is a two-week resident orchestra and chamber music festival during the last two weeks of June that presents several performances. Penn State School of Music students and faculty also perform regularly throughout the United States and the world.

To learn more about opportunities and events at the School of Music, please contact us and visit www.music.psu.edu regularly.