

THE *music* BUFF

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buff: (noun) 1 - A person who is enthusiastically interested in and very knowledgeable about a particular subject. 2 - A student, alum, faculty, or staff member of Milligan College.

Lovers of music, accomplished performers, and avid music consumers find Milligan a rich place to study. Students can pursue music in a variety of degree programs or simply elect music courses to enrich their liberal arts education. Participating in music at Milligan also allows students and faculty to experience new levels of worship and service.

PERFORMING EXPERIENCE

The music area presents an exciting array of recitals and concerts each year, including department-wide performances such as the annual Christmas concert, which draws an audience of 2,000, and masterworks such as the Mozart Requiem and Handel's Messiah. Opera and musical theater collaborations also occur every few years. Students perform and tour with numerous ensembles, orchestras, bands, and choirs. A sampling includes:

The **Concert Choir** performs extensively on campus and throughout the United States, appearing at churches, high schools, and conventions and appearing with professional orchestras throughout the region.

The **Jazz Ensemble** has opened the Grove Park Inn Jazz Festival in Asheville, NC, along with the Ellis Marsalis Trio. The ensemble is devoted to performance of jazz and pop styles, with emphasis on ensemble playing, solo playing, and improvisation.

The **Orchestra** performs throughout East Tennessee and Southwest Virginia and collaborates frequently with professional

ensembles and arts organizations, including The Civic Chorale, the Johnson City Symphony Orchestra, the East Tennessee Regional Symphony, Mountain Empire Children's Choir Academy, and the City Youth Ballet. In addition, MCO is the pit orchestra for various opera and musical productions at Milligan and serves local churches in ministry. The orchestra also champions new works and has performed the world premieres of numerous pieces including Three Genres by John Grubb and Genesis by internationally renowned composer Kenton Coe.

The **Women's Chorale** is an all-female ensemble which sings literature of different styles ranging from sacred to popular. The chorale performs for churches and various organizations in the area as well as on campus.

ACCOMPLISHED FACULTY

Milligan's music faculty consists of knowledgeable and experienced musicians as well as dedicated and caring educators. Music faculty have performed and conducted throughout the country and abroad and bring specialized expertise to all aspects of music study from music education to ministry to opera. In addition to distinguished careers as professional musicians, the faculty possess academic credentials from a variety of institutions including the Peabody Institute of the Johns Hopkins University, Appalachian State, Ball State, the University of Iowa, San Francisco Conservatory of Music, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and the Eastman School of Music, to name a few. Small class sizes allow students to work closely with faculty to reach goals and achieve musical success.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Awards ranging from \$2,000 to \$20,000 based on talent and potential success as a music major. Students must be admitted to Milligan and audition by March 1 for scholarship consideration. Contact Admissions for details.

2014-2015 Audition Dates:
NOV 21 & JAN 31



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SUPPORTIVE FACILITIES

The music program is housed in the beautiful Seeger Memorial Chapel, the centerpiece of the Milligan campus. Within the chapel is the newly renovated Mary B. Martin Auditorium that serves as the performance venue for Milligan concerts and recitals, as well as performances by the Johnson City Symphony Orchestra and other professional groups. The auditorium houses a 46-rank Schantz pipe organ, built in 1967, whose glorious sound is an important feature at formal college functions such as commencement.

Music students have the opportunity to perform on a variety of pianos, including two 9-foot Steinway concert grand pianos and several other Steinway grand pianos. The music program owns a 2-manual Zimmer pipe organ, Burton and Speerhake-Passau harpsichords, and a three-octave set of Schulmerich handbells. A full compliment of orchestral percussion equipment is available, in addition to high quality brass, woodwind, and string instruments.

Seeger also houses the Ramsey Technology Lab, equipped with Roland digital keyboards and computer systems to incorporate technology into music instruction. The P. H. Welshimer Memorial Library houses several thousand music books, recordings, videos, and music scores, and subscribes to numerous electronic databases, including Oxford Music Online and Library Music Source.

SUCCESSFUL GRADUATES

Milligan music graduates teach at all levels of music education, serve in music ministry positions, conduct professional music organizations, teach studio music, and perform professionally. Graduates of the music area have pursued further music studies at institutions throughout the U.S.



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