The moment I stepped onto campus, I felt an incredible sense of belonging.

MINGHAO KELVIN LIU, CLARINET
SHINE ON STAGE

EXPERIENCE ENDLESS PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITIES

• 17 major ensembles—including orchestral, choral, wind, and jazz
• Chamber music ensembles
• Three fully staged operas per year
• Jazz combos
• Weekly studio classes
• Master classes with visiting artists
• Solo recitals
• Conducting-student recitals
• Composition showcases
• Annual school-sponsored competitions
• Gig service for professional opportunities
• Student-run opera company, OPUS
• Create your own concerts

“I chose Bienen because of its history of excellence in the performing ensembles and studios.”
CHRISS CARRIGG, EUPHONIUM

SEE UPCOMING PERFORMANCES
The Bienen School’s outstanding faculty comprises 125 performers, composers, and scholars who are recognized worldwide for their dedication to excellence and passion for teaching.

**FACULTY INCLUDE CURRENT AND FORMER MEMBERS OF**
- Chicago, Dallas, Detroit, Milwaukee, Pittsburgh, St. Louis, and Toronto Symphony Orchestras
- Cleveland, Minnesota, and Philadelphia Orchestras
- New York Philharmonic
- National Brass Ensemble
- Lyric Opera of Chicago, Santa Fe Opera, and Metropolitan Opera orchestras

“The warmth and spirit of the Northwestern community are deeply inspiring to me.”
KAYLIN CHUNG, VIOLIN
BY THE NUMBERS

#2 RANKED MUSIC SCHOOL IN AMERICA BY NICHE.COM

- 400 UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS
- 125 FACULTY MEMBERS
- 134 PRACTICE ROOMS
- 200 GRADUATE STUDENTS
- 7 PERFORMANCE VENUES
- 5:1 STUDENT-TO-FACULTY RATIO
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MCKENNA TROY, VOICE AND OPERA

A Bienen School education combines conservatory-level musical training with the academic benefits and resources of one of the nation’s best universities.

- 600+ clubs and organizations
- Abundant mental, spiritual, and physical health resources
- 26 on-campus residences
- Proximity to Chicago, one of the nation’s most vibrant cities
- Easy and free public transit options
- Career advancement office
- Access to University Libraries’ extensive music collection
“Bienen caught my attention because of the flexibility students have to explore fields both in and out of music.”

PIPER MILLER, MUSIC EDUCATION AND VOICE AND OPERA

DISCOVER AND NURTURE YOUR PASSIONS

BACHELOR OF MUSIC
- Brass
- Composition
- Jazz Studies
- Music Cognition
- Music Education
- Music Theory
- Musicology
- Percussion
- Piano
- Strings
- Voice and Opera
- Woodwinds

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN MUSIC

UNDERGRADUATE DOUBLE MAJORS AND DUAL DEGREES
Undergraduate students are able to pursue more than one area of study at Northwestern.
- Liberal Arts
- Communication
- Education and Social Policy
- Engineering
- Journalism

MASTER OF MUSIC
- Brass
- Conducting
- Jazz Studies
- Music Education
- Music Theory
- Musicology
- Percussion
- Piano
- Strings
- Voice and Opera
- Woodwinds

DOCTOR OF MUSICAL ARTS
- Brass
- Conducting
- Percussion
- Piano
- Strings
- Voice and Opera
- Woodwinds

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY
- Composition and Music Technology
- Music Education
- Music Theory and Cognition
- Musicology
“I chose Bienen for its illustrious reputation, prestigious faculty, beautiful location, and access to the vast resources of a top-tier research university.”

COLLIN JINKS, PIANO

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APPLICATION DEADLINES

Undergraduate Early Decision
October 15

Undergraduate Regular Decision
December 1

Graduate (MM/DMA/PhD)
December 1