School of Music and Dance

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The School of Music and Dance is nationally recognized for its dedication to the highest levels of excellence in teaching, performance, and research. It is the only music school in the state of Oregon authorized to grant master's degrees in dance and doctoral degrees in music.

The School of Music and Dance began as the Department of Music in 1886, then the School of Music in 1900. It was admitted as a charter member of the National Association of Schools of Music in 1928. The school was joined in 1991 by the dance faculty—which had been offering courses at Oregon since 1911, and which established a dance major in 1959—and was renamed the School of Music and Dance in 2005. The UO music and dance departments are among the oldest west of the Mississippi.

The School of Music and Dance serves more than 500 music and dance majors, including 150 graduate students, and offers the following degrees in a wide range of options:

- bachelor of arts (BA)
- bachelor of music (BMus)
- bachelor of music in music education (BMME)
- bachelor of science (BS)
- master of arts (MA)
- master of fine arts (MFA)
- master of music (MMus)
- master of science (MS)
- doctor of musical arts (DMA)
- doctor of philosophy (PhD)

The ratio of students to faculty members is 8.3-to-1.

More than 250 performance programs are held annually in Eugene by UO students and faculty members, and more than 500 in the United States and abroad.

Mission Statement

The University of Oregon School of Music and Dance has a threefold mission:

- To prepare students to lead lives enriched by the arts of music and dance
- To provide comprehensive programs for those pursuing professional careers in music and dance, and a broad range of courses for those seeking a liberal arts education
- To serve as an educational and cultural resource for the University of Oregon, the local community, and the state of Oregon