

School of Music and Dance

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The University of Oregon School of Music and Dance serves as an educational and cultural resource for the University of Oregon, the local community, and the state of Oregon. We prepare students to lead enriching lives by providing comprehensive programs for professional arts-based careers, as well as those seeking to gain a fully realized liberal arts education.

The School of Music and Dance (SOMD) presents more than 300 concerts, performances, and events during the academic year featuring guest artists, faculty artists, and student ensembles. The incredible wealth of concert material ranges from contemporary dance to African dance, early music and classical to contemporary music, world music, and jazz. SOMD is also home to the Grammy-winning Oregon Bach Festival (OBF) and ChamberMusic@Beall performance series.

We welcome risk-takers. Our students and faculty foster experimentation and innovation by supporting the creation of new work that is grounded in the traditional canon and technique. The community is our classroom. This region is full of off-campus arts organizations, concert venues, and opportunities to perform. We aim to constantly learn from our past and strive for a better future. We welcome feedback from our students about how to improve our community and create a friendly, integrated environment that feels like a family.