

MISSION STATEMENT AND PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The Doane College Music Department has as its primary mission the preparation of students for professional careers in performance and education. It is our goal to provide a program that will develop well-rounded musicians who are prepared to face the challenges of an ever-changing musical and educational world. We seek to:

- Develop, expand, broaden, and refine the technical, intellectual, and spiritual horizons of developing musicians.
- Promote high performance standards in both individuals and ensembles that result in deep musical experiences for both performers and listeners.
- To provide students a musical experience that while centered on music of “serious artistic merit” also provides opportunities to explore the infinite variety of music and musical styles.
- Increase the awareness of the artistic and historical significance of music in the context of the liberal arts.
- Prepare for the music of the future by exploring the music of the present while preserving the music of the past.
- Create a positive music-making environment that allows the knowledge gained in the studio to be applied to the ensemble performance.
- Provide for students a balanced experience that promotes creativity, flexibility, and versatility.
- Broaden the concept of performance and teaching skills by encouraging creative thought and artistic interaction.

The Music Department has an important secondary mission, which is to provide Doane students, with an avenue to continue their involvement in the performing arts. The department is committed to encourage those who do not have career plans in music to develop the aesthetic self in addition to the academic self. We are dedicated to the education of the whole human through our involvement in the college community at large.

A third function of the music program is to contribute to the overall artistic life of the college and the community through our performances of public concerts. Further, that we contribute in a positive way to the traditions of the college by providing appropriate music for important college functions, ceremonies, and events.