

MUSIC AT
CHRISTOPHER NEWPORT UNIVERSITY

Discover
Your
Sound.
Shape
Your
Future.



SCHOOL OF THE ARTS
MUSIC, THEATRE, AND DANCE

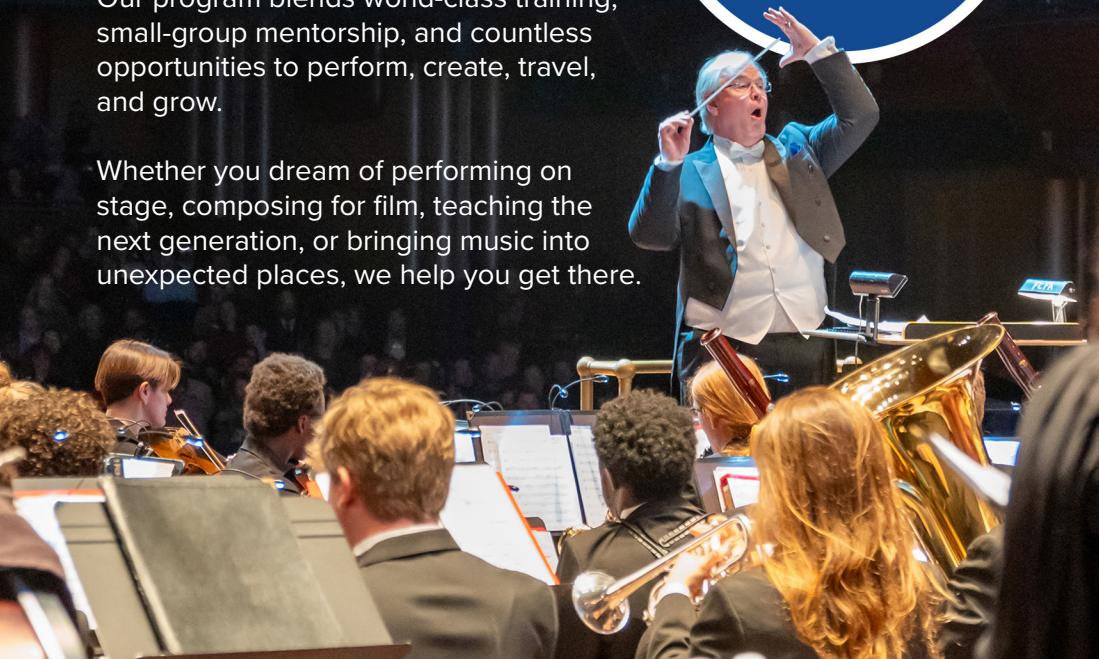
Why Study Music at CNU?

At Christopher Newport University, you won't just study music, you'll live it. Our program blends world-class training, small-group mentorship, and countless opportunities to perform, create, travel, and grow.

Whether you dream of performing on stage, composing for film, teaching the next generation, or bringing music into unexpected places, we help you get there.

150+ performances each year

20+ ensembles



All ensembles are open to any CNU student by audition.

Study Abroad

Music majors travel the world through:

Exchange programs in England

Chamber Choir and Wind Ensemble international tours

Marching Captains national and international trips



Accredited by the **National Association of Schools of Music**, which guarantees rigorous training, exceptional faculty, and top-tier performance opportunities.

At CNU, you don't wait for your moment. You perform from day one.

Ensembles include

University Orchestra	Opera CNU
Wind Ensemble	Jazz Ensemble & Combo
University Band	Marching Captains
Chamber Choir	Pep Band
University Chorale	Electronic Music Ensemble
Flute, Trombone, Trumpet, Saxophone, Harp & Percussion Ensembles	



Performance Highlights

150+ performances each year
Solos, recitals, chamber concerts,
major ensemble productions
Holiday Happening
Family Weekend Music Showcase
Honor ensemble festivals &
state-wide invitational



Success After CNU

Our graduates have
performed with:
U.S. Military Bands
Opera companies
Orchestras
Broadway productions

Others work as:
Composers for film & TV
Studio technicians
Music educators
Arts leaders & administrators

Degrees That Launch Careers

Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Music

Flexible, customizable, and ideal for pairing with another major.
Music Studies: Strong foundation in theory, history, and performance
Creative Studies: Recording arts, music technology, and sound design,

Bachelor of Music (BM)

A professional track for serious musicians. Areas of concentration
include choral and instrumental pre-certification, composition,
and performance.

Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT)

A five-year pathway to becoming a certified PK–12 music educator—
one of the most in-demand fields in Virginia and beyond.

Minor in Music

Open to all students. No audition required.





Perform in Professional Spaces

Train and perform in the Ferguson Center for the Arts, where touring artists, Broadway shows, orchestras, and international ensembles take the stage.



GO BIG HERE.

Endless Possibilities

Christopher Newport University graduates leave fully prepared to succeed on the stage, in the classroom, and in careers across the arts and beyond. More than **94% of CNU** graduates are employed or enrolled in graduate school within six months of graduation.

Through immersive performance opportunities, internships, hands-on work experience, personalized career counseling, and faculty mentorship, CNU ensures you graduate with the skills, confidence, and professional readiness to take your next step, wherever your passion leads.

A beautiful, safe, modern campus

Top-tier labs, inspiring architecture, and award-winning residence halls.

The perfect location

Beaches, history, trails, museums, roller coasters, and major research centers are all minutes away.



Ferguson Center for the Arts

See what's possible

Schedule a visit Monday–Saturday and discover why so many students choose to become Captains.

cnu.edu/admission

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