

# ENSEMBLES

## AT THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA SCHOOL OF MUSIC

Programs of study in the School of Music are supported by a complete educational facility, which includes the 1700-seat Center for the Performing Arts, University Memorial Auditorium, the Anderson Memorial Organ, the Century Tower Carillon, the research and listening library, fully equipped ensemble rehearsal halls, electronic piano and computer labs, and the electroacoustic music studio. The University of Florida School of Music is an accredited institutional member of the National Association of Schools of Music. Ensemble participation is open to all students within the University of Florida community. Participants need not be a music major or minor to participate. While many ensembles require an entrance audition, there are several ensembles that are open without an audition. Using ISIS, students may register themselves for ensembles that are not audition based. Students placing into audition ensembles will be registered automatically by the music advisor for a one credit hour course. Audition information is noted below.

### CHAMBER GROUPS

Chamber Groups are open to any student who is currently in a studio. Coached by faculty members, the ensemble configurations vary from semester to semester depending on interest. Some possible ensembles include 4-hand piano, string quartet, brass quintet, woodwind quintet, piano trio, vocal quartet, etc.

### CONCERT BANDS

The University of Florida's two Concert Bands are primarily ensembles for non-music majors and are offered on Monday and Wednesday evenings in the Spring semester. The ensembles perform a variety of music, from popular selections through the standard band literature. Many marching band members choose to continue their musical involvement by performing in the Concert Band every Spring. No audition is required. One band rehearses Mondays, periods E1-3, while the other band rehearses Wednesdays, E1-3.

### JAZZ BANDS

There are three jazz bands that meet and perform regularly on the University campus. The ensembles are available to all University students and perform jazz standards through contemporary jazz compositions. The UF Jazz Band has performed at the prestigious Montreux Jazz Festival in Montreux, Switzerland. In addition, this group has released its third compact disc. Membership is by audition. The Jazz Bands rehearse Thursdays, periods 11-E3. Contact Scott Wilson at [swilson@arts.ufl.edu](mailto:swilson@arts.ufl.edu) for more information.

### MEN'S GLEE CLUB & WOMEN'S CHORALE

Men's Glee Club and Women's Chorale offer singing opportunities in the specialized areas of male and female voices. Performing regularly each semester, the groups sing a wide range of repertoire, enjoy social occasions together and savor the "joy of singing." No audition is required. Mens Glee Club rehearses Mondays and Wednesdays, periods 10-11, while Women's Chorale rehearses Mondays and Wednesdays, periods 8-9. For more information: <http://www.arts.ufl.edu/music/choral/choral-menglee.asp>.

### MUSICAL THEATRE

Musical Theatre productions are presented each year in cooperation with the Department of Theatre and Dance, and offer unique opportunities for the vocalist to develop a repertoire in musical theatre during study at the University of Florida. For more information, please contact School of Theatre and Dance.

### OPERA WORKSHOP

Opera Workshop provides opportunities for vocalists to perform from the opera repertoire. Membership is by audition. Rehearsal times vary.

### PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE & STEEL DRUM BANDS

The Percussion Ensemble and Steel Drum Bands are open to all university students through audition. These ensembles perform on campus and tour throughout the region. The Percussion Ensemble performed at the 1998 Percussive Arts Society International Convention in Orlando, FL. The Steel Drum Bands perform on instruments crafted by Ellie Mannette and Lloyd Gay. Membership is by audition. The Steel Drum Bands rehearse Thursday mornings for one hour. Percussion Ensemble rehearses Fridays, periods 7-8. Please contact Dr. Kenneth Broadway at [kbroadway@arts.ufl.edu](mailto:kbroadway@arts.ufl.edu) for more information and check out the Steel Drum website at <http://www.arts.ufl.edu/music/steelers/>.

### SYMPHONIC BAND

The Symphonic Band has a proud tradition of excellence and many prestigious performances to its credit. Composed of 70-80 music and non-music majors, this band regularly performs concerts on campus and around the state of Florida. The group performs literature of the large symphonic band from contemporary music to transcriptions of the large symphonic ensemble. Their most recent recordings include "Live at the MENC National Convention," "Collage," and "Wind Tracks," which features new music for the wind band medium. Membership is by audition. Rehearsals are Mondays and Wednesdays, periods 9-10.

## SYMPHONIC WIND ENSEMBLE

The Symphonic Wind Ensemble features 45-50 of the finest wind and percussion performers at the University of Florida. Composed primarily of graduate and undergraduate music majors, the group performs for the Conductor's Symposium and the Invitational Band Festival. In addition, the ensemble tours frequently and produces a yearly compact disc performing the finest repertoire for concert winds on campus and throughout the United States. Membership is by audition. The Symphonic Wind Ensemble rehearses Mondays and Wednesdays, periods 7-8.

## UF CLARINET ENSEMBLE

The UF Clarinet Ensemble has performed at many functions throughout Florida and nationwide, most notably at the International Clarinet Association Conference in Washington, D.C. The ensemble performs a wide variety of repertoire including standard works and contemporary compositions on several concerts each year. Instrumentation ranges from the high Eb clarinet to the Contrabass clarinet. The ensemble is comprised primarily of music majors, but welcomes music minors and other non-majors to participate. The Clarinet Ensemble meets Wednesdays, period 6. Please contact Mitchell Estrin for more information: [mestrin@ufl.edu](mailto:mestrin@ufl.edu).

## UF BRASS BAND

The UF Brass Band, formed in the Spring of 2021, is one of a few collegiate brass bands throughout the United States. This premier ensemble features 30-35 brass and percussion musicians, comprised of graduate and upper-class undergraduate music majors. This ensemble frequently performs works originally written for the instrumentation, but often performs transcriptions written for symphony orchestras and wind bands. The Brass Band competes in the annual North American Brass Band Competition. The UF Brass Band membership is by audition and rehearsals are once per week with additional weekly sectionals.

## UF FIGHTIN' GATOR MARCHING BAND

The University of Florida Fightin' Gator Marching Band begins rehearsals in the summer, just prior to the start of the fall semester. The Marching Band is a 300 piece ensemble, the largest performing ensemble within the School of Music. The band appears at all home games, travels to many away games, and always appears at bowl games. In the spring, upperclassmen have the opportunity to participate in the Basketball Pep Bands as well. An audition is required during the summer band camp. Marching Band rehearses Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays periods 9-10 and Wednesdays period 10.

## UNIVERSITY CHAMBER SINGERS

The University Chamber Singers is a select mixed chorus that performs works from all style periods with several performances each semester. Enrollment is limited to provide participants the opportunity to perform within a smaller chorus setting. Membership is by audition. Chamber Singers rehearse Mondays and Wednesdays, periods 7-8. Contact Dr. Will Kesling for more information at [wkesling@ufl.edu](mailto:wkesling@ufl.edu).

## UNIVERSITY CHOIR

The University Choir, a large mixed chorus, performs choral masterworks from all style periods several times each semester. The choir regularly tours in Florida and around the U.S. They also perform in conjunction with orchestras and are one of the main performing groups in the annual Sounds of the Season concerts. Membership is by audition. University Choir rehearses Tuesdays and Thursdays, periods 7-8. Please contact Dr. Will Kesling for more information at [wkesling@ufl.edu](mailto:wkesling@ufl.edu).

## UNIVERSITY ORCHESTRA

The University Orchestra offers music majors, non-majors, and members of the community the opportunity to study and perform a wide range of orchestral repertoire throughout the year. The orchestra is involved in a variety of performances including opera and ballet productions at the Center for the Performing Arts (in conjunction with Dance Alive!). Membership is by audition and/or studio teacher's assignment. Rehearsals are Tuesdays and Thursdays, periods 7-8. Please contact Dr. Tiffany Lu at [lu.tiffany@ufl.edu](mailto:lu.tiffany@ufl.edu) for more information.

## WORLD MUSIC ENSEMBLES

In the World Music Ensembles, Jacaré Brazil (Brazilian Music) and Agbedidi (African Drum and Dance), students perform on the School of Music's large collection of authentic Brazilian and African instruments. The School of Music and Center for World Arts host visiting artists from both Brazil and Africa to work and perform directly with students. Auditions for percussion, cavaquinho, guitar, bass, winds, and voice are held each semester. Recent performances of the World Music Ensembles have taken place at the Center for the Performing Arts and Constans Theatre (Gainesville), at the New World School for the Arts (Miami), and at the African Studies Association Meetings (Orlando). The World Music Ensembles rehearse Mondays, periods E1-3. For more information, please contact Dr. Welson Tremura at: [tremura@ufl.edu](mailto:tremura@ufl.edu).

