



Hope COLLEGE

DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC

Dear Current Hope Students and Incoming Freshmen,

Whether you are passionate about a cappella, band, choral, jazz, orchestra, or worship music, there's a place for you here.

The Department of Music offers more than 15 ensembles that are open to music majors and non-majors alike. Your passion for music will find a home at Hope College. As a student, you can perform diverse repertoire worldwide and represent the college in area concerts, national tours, and television broadcasts.



Participation in listed ensembles will fulfill your Arts in Practice (ART) credit requirement.

We look forward to making music together!

Spera in Deo!

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Rehearsal Schedule

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| Chapel Choir (auditioned SATB) | M/W/F | from 4:00-5:00 p.m. |
| Symphony Orchestra (auditioned) | T/R | from 4:30-6:00 p.m. |
| SPERA (auditioned Choir - SSAA) | T/R | from 6:00-7:30 p.m. |
| VERITAS (Auditioned Choir - TTBB) | M/W | from 6:00-7:00 p.m. |
| Jazz Ensemble (auditioned/assigned) | M/W | from 4:30-6:00 p.m. |
| College Chorus (no audition - SATB) | T | from 7:30-9:00 p.m. |
| Concert Band (auditioned/assigned) | R | from 7:00-9:00 p.m. |

Band / Musical Pit Orchestra / Symphony Orchestra

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| Audition Dates | August 22 (Fri) Wind/Brass/Percussion/Keyboard only August 25 (Mon) Wind/Brass/Percussion/Keyboard only August 26 (Tue) All instruments August 27 (Wed) Strings only | |
| Audition Process | Audition Instructions for Band  Link to Band Excerpts | Audition Instructions for Orchestra  Link to Orchestral Excerpts |
| Sign up | Step 1: Sign up for an audition slot here . Step 2: Register for: MUSE 040 or MUSE 120 (Symphony Orchestra) and/or MUSE 040 (Pit Orchestra for the musical, "Little Women") and/or MUSE 060 (Concert Band) <i>Even though they share the same course code, the Pit Orchestra is unrelated to the Symphony Orchestra course. Please note that,</i> | |

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| | <i>depending on the result of your audition, professors may suggest a different ensemble other than the one you registered for.</i> |
| Location | Room 130 or Recital Hall, Jack H. Miller Center for Musical Arts, 221 Columbia Avenue |
| Contact | Prof. Sam Pang (pang@hope.edu) for Symphony Orchestra; Dr. Anand Sukumaran (sukumaran@hope.edu) for Concert Band. |

Choirs

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| Dates | Auditions held: Friday, August 22nd, Saturday - August 23rd, Monday August 25th and Tuesday, August 26th. |
| Location | Room 174, Jack H. Miller Center for Musical Arts, 221 Columbia Avenue |
| Repertoire | <p>So glad that you are interested in singing in choirs here at Hope! A placement hearing will determine which of the choirs you will join. The hearing will be about 10 minutes and will consist of the following components:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Getting to know you & your voice!</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">A short sight-reading exercise</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">One - two minutes of you singing ANY song that you would like to sing! You may choose ANY genre - sing what you love and what you feel best showcases your voice. Plan on singing a capella or using pre-recorded track/accompaniment. Feel free to bring sheet music if you have it.</p> |

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| | <p>Prepared Song Excerpt - To the best of your ability, learn this short excerpt from “The Call” by Ralph Vaughan Williams.</p> <p>Click HERE to see the sheet music.</p> <p>Youtube links for reference:</p> <p>Tenor/Bass Recording</p> <p>Soprano/Alto Recording</p> |
| Signup | <p>To register for a hearing please complete the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sign up for MUSE - 030 2. Choral Placement Form (Information about you!) 3. Sign up for your choral placement time |
| Contact | <p>We have multiple opportunities for you to participate in choir during your time at Hope College.</p> <p>Chapel Choir (auditioned SATB), Eric Reyes, director SPERA (auditioned SSAA), Pam Pierson, director VERITAS (auditions TTBB), Eric Reyes, director College Chorus (no audition SATB), Eric Reyes, director</p> <p>Click here to learn more about choir at Hope or contact: Dr. Eric Reyes reyese@hope.edu Prof. Pam Pierson pierson@hope.edu</p> |

Jazz Ensembles/Combos

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| Date/Time | Auditions held: Monday August 25, 2025 |
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| | 12:00pm-4:00pm and 6:00pm-8:00pm |
| Location | Room 133, Jack H. Miller Center for Musical Arts, 221 Columbia Avenue |
| Auditions | <p>Jazz Ensemble & Combo Auditions – Fall 2025</p> <p>If you are interested in participating in Jazz Ensembles and Combos for Fall 2025, please enroll in MUSE 070. This course serves as a placeholder. Following your audition, you will be placed in the appropriate ensemble and/or combo based on your skill level.</p> <p>Please don't be nervous about the audition process. In the jazz area, auditions are primarily for placement, not exclusion. They help us ensure that each student is placed in a group that matches their current abilities so they can thrive and enjoy the experience.</p> <p>We encourage you to arrive early and be prepared for any unexpected delays.</p> <p>Audition Guidelines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please select one jazz standard from the document linked below to prepare for your audition. • You may also be asked to sight-read and perform scales or modes. • Each piece is available in various keys and clefs to accommodate different instruments. • Drums, piano, microphones/PA system, amplifiers, and music stands will be provided. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you play electric guitar, please bring your own guitar cable. • If you are unable to bring a backing track, we will provide one for you. <p>If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.</p> <p>Click here to see the sheet music.</p> |
| Sign up | <p>Step 1: Reserve an audition time slot here</p> <p>Step 2: Fill in this form</p> <p>Step 3: Register for 82452 MUSE 070 Pending Placement Jazz</p> |
| Contact | <p>Prof. Robert Shipley (shipley@hope.edu) for Jazz Ensembles/Combos</p> |

Piano Auditions for Solo Lessons

Auditions will be held in Jack Miller 162 on Monday August 25 and Tuesday August 26, 2025. Please sign up for a 10-minute slot [here](#). For the audition, please come prepared to play a piece you know that represents your best playing (ideally memorized), discuss your experience with piano, your semester schedule, and your goals for piano study. After your audition, studio placement will be determined in accordance with your semester schedule and studio availability. Email your semester schedule to Dr. David Keep (keep@hope.edu) and please write with any additional questions to this address also.

Voice Auditions for Solo Lessons

Applied voice placement auditions for private lessons will take place on Monday, August 25, 2025 (9:30am - 1:50pm) and Tuesday, August 26,

2025 (9:30am-12:30pm) in JHM #173. For your audition, please prepare a song in either the Classical or Musical Theatre Styles. There will be a pianist provided, and this music doesn't have to be memorized: just make sure to bring an additional copy for the pianist! Please do not bring Contemporary Styles (Pop, Rap, etc.,) or Worship music. There will be one small Aural Test as well (no preparation necessary). If you are interested in auditioning, please sign-up for an audition time: [Fall 2025 Voice Placement Audition Sign-Ups](#). Email Dr. VandenBrink (vandenbrink@hope.edu) with any questions.
