

DANA SCHOOL OF MUSIC of Youngstown University Youngstown, Ohio



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General Information

ORGANIZATION AND PURPOSES

Dana School of Music of Youngstown University began in 1869 as Dana's Musical Institute in Warren, Ohio. It was merged with Youngstown College in 1941. The former Charles S. Thomas mansion, a block north of the main campus, became its home and remains its principal building.

The school offers instruction for both professional and avocational needs. Moreover, since a program of general education is available in the College of Arts and Sciences, the student who has studied voice or an instrument while in high school may continue his music study, whatever his purpose, without overlooking the broader aspects of his education.

The School of Music offers courses leading to the degree of Bachelor of Music, with the major in piano, organ, voice, any standard string or wind instrument, percussion, theory, composition, sacred music, or music education. It also provides the courses for the major in the history and literature of music for the degree of Bachelor of Arts. A preparatory department is maintained for pre-college students. Private lessons are offered in instruments and voice for non-college students.

The music education department prepares students for certification as music teachers in public schools, and also provides the music courses needed for the general elementary teaching certificate. Music education students have ample opportunity for practice teaching, since close cooperation is maintained between the University and the public schools of Youngstown and vicinity.

Credit in music is allowed in varying amounts toward the other degrees granted by Youngstown University.

ACCREDITATION

Youngstown University is fully accredited by the National Association of Schools of Music, the State Department of Education, the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools and others.

THE FACULTY

An outstanding faculty includes members of various symphony orchestras. All faculty members are well equipped academically and have had valuable experience in the field of music.



FACILITIES

Buildings

The school's main building at 616 Wick Avenue contains the administrative offices, thirteen studios, four classrooms, four soundproof record-playing rooms, and the record library. The Dana Annex, directly behind the main music building, contains twenty soundproof practice rooms and a pipe organ practice room. In the second story of Central Hall, on the main campus, are one studio and classroom, a soundproof rehearsal and recital hall seating three hundred, and the instrumental and choral libraries.

Equipment

Equipment includes twenty-five grand pianos and thirty-five uprights, a Moeller two-manual pipe organ, a Hammond model E electric organ and ample band and orchestral instruments. A three-manual Austin organ at the First Presbyterian Church, close to the campus, is also available for both practice and teaching.

Libraries

The library of band, orchestral, and choral music, mentioned above, contains about a thousand titles. In the University's central collection there are over twenty-five hundred books on music. The phonograph record library, in the main Dana building, contains records valued at sixteen hundred dollars, nearly half of them having been presented to Dana School of Music as a gift in 1948. Covering the entire field of music history, they are invaluable for both listening and teaching. Listening rooms are provided with modern phonographs installed for student use.

Scholarships and Loans

The School of Music has at its disposal a number of scholarships, which are awarded, after competitive auditions, on the basis of talent, intelligence, and need. Applications should be directed to the dean of Dana School of Music. See the section on Scholarships and Loans in the University Catalog.

Placement Service

Through its many alumni, the school can give its graduates considerable assistance in finding professional positions. Its contacts extend through forty-two states, and each year requests for graduates are received from all branches of the profession.

Room and Board

Room and board may be obtained through the University. Buechner Hall, located two blocks from the University campus, offers attractive rooming and boarding facilities at reasonable rates for women students. Rooms convenient to the University are secured for men students and meals are available at the University cafeteria at reasonable rates.



ACTIVITIES

Musical Activities

Dana School of Music supplements the concert activities of the Monday Musical Club and the Youngstown Symphony Society with a series of lecture-recitals by outstanding artists, composers, and musicologists. In addition, the faculty presents a series of complimentary programs for the general public.

Student recitals afford additional training through experience in public performance. Besides graduation recitals, which are usually given in Strouss Memorial Auditorium, there are informal student recitals every Tuesday and Thursday at 11 a.m. in Central Hall. Attendance at recitals is obligatory for music students. Additional hours of credit in the students major applied field may be required for non-attendance.

The University bands are an integral part of campus life and are open to all students in the University. The Marching Band functions during the football season and is open to all who can qualify. For the Concert Band, which presents programs of various types of band music, members are selected through auditions. The Laboratory Band provides additional training for those who need it to qualify for the Concert Band and enables music education students to gain practical experience on their minor instruments.

The Symphony Orchestra provides opportunity for musical growth and development in its presentations of symphonic works. It possesses an adequate library of symphonic and chamber music. It is open to all students in the University who can qualify. The Laboratory Orchestra affords further training for those who need it to qualify for the Symphony Orchestra and enables music education students to gain practical experience in performance on their minor instruments.

The A Cappella Choir offers, to all University students who can qualify, the opportunity to participate in unaccompanied singing of sacred and secular compositions from all periods of musical history, including the contemporary.

The Mixed Chorus is a group of men and women chosen for their vocal and musical ability and is open to any University student who can qualify. Larger choral works are studied and presented through the year. The group also forms the nucleus of operatic presentations.



The Madrigal Singers are a group of sixteen selected voices from the School of Music. The group studies and sings a cappella compositions of the English madrigal school, modern arrangements of folk tunes, and suitable contemporary works.

The String Quartet, String Ensemble, and the Brass and Woodwind Ensembles are likewise restricted to students of the School of Music.

Opera is a tradition in Youngstown University. Casts are selected through competitive auditions, and productions are staged in collaboration with the Departments of Art, of Speech and Dramatics, and of Health Education and Physical Education of the College of Arts and Sciences. The Mixed Chorus plays an important part in these presentations.

Professional Fraternities

Alpha Nu Chapter of Sigma Alpha Iota, an honorary professional music sorority, and Delta Eta Chapter of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, an honorary professional music fraternity for men, are chartered to Dana School of Music.

Dana Music Forum

The Dana Music Forum is an organization of all full- and part-time students of Dana School of Music. Its purpose is to promote the advancement and appreciation of all forms of music. The Forum sponsors social functions and musical programs and assists in recitals and concerts of the School of Music.

Other Student Activities

There are many attractive extra-curricular activities at Youngstown University. Clubs, sororities, fraternities, athletics, and other activities offer opportunities for self-development.

TUITION

Tuition is reasonable and is paid by the semester either on a cash or payment plan.

For a University catalog or further information, please call in person, write, or telephone the Dean of the Dana School of Music, 616 Wick Avenue, Youngstown 2, Ohio. Telephone, RIverside 4-8451.







