

Music

COMMERCIAL, PERFORMANCE, TEACHING

Which employers have hired Montana State University Billings Music graduates?

Billings Public Schools	Nova Center for Performing Arts	Thirsty Street/Hansens
Billings Christian School	Private Music Studio	Yellowstone Public Radio
Billings Symphony Orchestra	Roundup JR/HS	Elevation Church

What are the average annual wages and potential lifetime earnings for professionals* working in the Music field?

Occupation	Annual Mean Wage in MT*	Potential Lifetime Earnings*
Music Teacher, (K-12) ⁺	\$32,110 - \$59,000	\$65,220 x 39 yrs = \$2,543,580
Music Director, Choir/Band	\$44,450 - \$59,060	\$62,590 x 39 = \$2,442,010
Sound Engineer Technician	\$39,210 - \$55,120	\$59,430 x 39 yrs = \$2,317,770
Event/Promotion Coordinator	\$39,840 - \$51,130	\$56,920 x 39 yrs = \$2,219,880

* Based on state mean and national median wage of occupation in accordance to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Lifetime earnings is national median wage over 39 years

+Please review the Montana educator licensure requirements on the OPI website at <https://opi.mt.gov/>.

What percentage of Music Performance graduates report having a job after graduating?

Out of the 33% of 2024 Music Performance graduates who responded to MSUB'S Graduate Survey, 100% of Music Performance majors reported being *employed after graduation.

*Employment includes employment in major, employment not in major, continuing education, and military service.

Not sure if Music is for you?

1. Take an introductory class in the program, such as EDU 105 (Education and Democracy or Enjoyment of Music (MUSI 100) Keep mental notes or a journal to track what you like and dislike!

Employment opportunities with advanced degrees or experience:

- Symphony Conductor, MA
- Music Director Symphony Orchestra, MA
- Music Composer, MA
- College Professor, MA, Doctorate

2. Get a part-time job in the field.

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Overview of the Music program:

The MSU Billings Department of Music stresses high standards of performance, a strong theoretical background, a broad exposure to music history, opportunities in pedagogy, and a significant encounter with other academic disciplines. The Department offers three different degree programs: Music Performance, Music Commercial, and Music Teaching Licensure.

What makes your program unique?

A degree in music at Montana State University Billings not only exposes students to a strong academic education, personal application, and performance but also provides rich opportunities for exposure to renowned musicians and performances on and off-campus.

Our instructors are prominent members of Billings' musical and performing community. They bring to the classroom years of experience and expose their students to the local talents in song, dance, and various cultures. They also encourage that students also get out and join Billings' vibrant music and arts community.

What students like most about the Music program:

*The faculty at MSUB are outstanding. They really care about their students and find many ways to get them playing in the lively Billings music scene.” — Mady Johnson, Clarinet Performance

“I transferred here because it is a safe place to learn and try new things” — Hazel Bullis, Trombone Performance/Commercial Music

“It feels great to get involved in the ever-growing music program at MSUB, knowing that I will get to grow as a musician. The faculty and students are all passionate and welcoming, which helps foster the growth of the culture of excellence in the music department.” — Alex Bush, Electric Bass Performance.



Department Webpage:

<https://www.msubillings.edu/class/music/index.htm>

