The College of Music provides specialized training designed to prepare students for a variety of careers in music. The college offers three undergraduate degrees, three certificate programs and four graduate degrees; numerous performance opportunities are also available.

Established by the Regents of the University of Colorado in 1920, the College of Music is a fully accredited member of the National Association of Schools of Music.

**Mission**

The mission of the College of Music at CU Boulder is to promote excellence in music through distinguished instruction in performance, composition, musicology, theory and teacher preparation, and to provide opportunities for performance, creative activities, research and scholarship, and teaching.

The college is dedicated to:

- providing music majors and non-majors the opportunity to develop their knowledge, understanding and ability in the various aspects of music at a level appropriate to their needs and interests;
- preparing students for careers as performers, composers, scholars, teachers, administrators and other professionals in the field of music;
- broadening and deepening the knowledge and understanding of music through research, teaching, creative activities and publication; and
- enriching the lives of students and faculty as well as the community, state, nation and the world with performances of a wide variety of music presentations and publications.

The College of Music is an academic community committed to maintaining a climate of mutual respect and collegiality.

The widely varied functions of music in the world today present many challenging and interesting opportunities for teachers, performers, creative artists, technicians and commercial personnel. While these different pursuits require specialized emphases, the faculty of the College of Music recognize the musical and educational experiences that are common to all. Therefore, each curriculum of the College of Music is designed to present music as an integrated whole. Solo performance and technique, ensemble performance, historical and theoretical studies, concert and recital opportunities and elective courses both inside and outside the college are intended to give students a balanced approach to musical understanding and musicianship.

The Entrepreneurship Center for Music is a national leader in professional development for musicians. The ECM equips today’s music students with the skills and tools they need to create sustainable careers in the arts. ECM students are encouraged to develop entrepreneurial skills to explore the vast opportunities inherent in a changing marketplace, and to develop plans to implement career-enhancing ventures across the artistic spectrum. Offerings include courses for credit, an undergraduate Certificate in Music Entrepreneurship, workshops and internships with a wide range of arts organizations and businesses nationwide.

The College of Music presents over 400 concerts by students, faculty and guests. In addition to individual musical pursuits, students at all levels have the opportunity to perform in a variety of outstanding ensembles including orchestras, choirs, bands, world music ensembles, chamber and early music groups, jazz ensembles and combos, opera productions and musicals. Many of these groups have been invited to perform at prestigious national and international events. Recitals by students and faculty are supplemented by visits from world-class guest artists, all of which provide the Boulder community with the chance to hear some of the finest music being performed today. The vast majority of these excellent performances are free and open to the public.

Other music programs presented by CU Presents include:

- **Artist Series**
- **Eklund Opera Program**
- **Takács Quartet Series**
- **Holiday Festival**

For a schedule of all College of Music performances, call 303-492-8008 or visit colorado.edu/music. Additional organizations include CU Trombone Society, CU Trumpet Alliance and Diverse Musicians Alliance.

The student body of the College of Music has its own government, represented by the College of Music Student Government and the Graduate Music Student Council. Honorary music fraternities are Sigma Alpha Iota, Mu Phi Epsilon and Kappa Kappa Psi. Pi Kappa Lambda, a national music honor society, and the Music Teachers National Association both have active chapters within the College of Music. Music education majors are eligible for membership in student chapters of the National Association for Music Educators, the American Choral Directors Association and the American String Teachers Association. Additional organizations include CU Trombone Society, CU Trumpet Alliance and Diverse Musicians Alliance.