

Church Music Ministries



at Cedarville University



Excellent Musicians Heart for God Passion to Serve

What We Do

The mission of the church music ministries program is to produce excellent musicians with a heart for God and a passion to serve. We want to train you musically, teach you spiritually, and motivate you ministerially. Our desire is to help you become the person that God has created you to be in order that you might serve Him through music.

"The church music department at Cedarville is a hands-on experience. From your very first church music class you begin studying the philosophy of worship. By your sophomore year, you're planning and implementing actual worship services in class. You can't get a better foundation for your ministry nor hands-on experience than at Cedarville!"

Carole Mings '04



Who We Are

Located in Cedarville, Ohio, Cedarville University is an accredited Christian university of arts, sciences, professional, and graduate programs. Offering 100 areas of study to 3,000 students, the University features an award-winning campus computer network and a worldwide Christian ministries program. Visit the University Web site at www.cedarville.edu.

How We Do It

- Quality musical training
- Integration of faith and learning
- Real-life application
- Field experiences/internship



“The Lord used my experiences at Cedarville to help prepare me for what I’m doing today. Little did I realize when I enrolled as a student that God would give me the privilege of leading worship as a profession. He used Cedarville in my life to begin shaping my heart towards what is close to His. Looking back on my four years, I see how formative they really were, not only for my profession but also for my life.”

Jay LeBlanc '94
Pastor of Worship Ministries
Far Hills Community Church

What You Are Prepared to Do

The church music ministries program at Cedarville University is primarily designed to help you prepare for a career leading worship. The demand for worship leaders is very high, and upon graduation, Cedarville students are prepared to do ministry in the local church. However, some graduates choose to continue their musical or theological education at seminary.

Others are in our church music program as double-majors or minors who desire to serve the church in a local church as a layperson, who are planning to attend seminary to study to be a pastor, or who have a desire to serve Christ on the mission field using music as a ministry tool.

Prospective students and their parents are encouraged to look online to envision positions and locations that would interest you as you consider a career in church music. Some suggested Web sites include www.churchstaffing.com and www.kingdomcareers.com.

There is a great demand for worship leaders who are excellent musically and who have a pastor’s heart. Both our music faculty and career services office stand ready to help you as you look for a ministry position.

Program Characteristics

Practical

We use real-life experiences in the classroom to help prepare you for ministry.

Balanced

We believe in preparing you musically for leading traditional, blended, and contemporary services.

Experiential

From the field experience on the sophomore level to the internship during the senior year, your experience will prepare you to serve.

“Nothing could have given me a better foundation for a worship philosophy than the time I spent in Cedarville’s church music program. I was given direction to begin to form my own theology on what true worship of our amazing God really is. The church music program is both biblically and theologically sound as well as practical and applicable. I was very prepared for what I am now facing as a worship pastor.”

Nick Tynan '02
Associate Pastor, Worship and Music
Southgate Baptist Church



Scholarships and Finances

Scholarships are available for music students on the basis of their performing ability. Students are encouraged to check the Music department Web site for deadlines and criteria. Cedarville has also recently added additional scholarships available to all students regardless of major. Information can be found on the Financial Aid Department Web page.

Opportunities abound for students to serve in area churches as ministers of music or accompanists. Most of these positions are paid positions and also allow the students to gain valuable experience. Touring teams are also a ministry opportunity for church music majors. These teams tour across the country and pay a generous stipend. The internships are also typically paid positions.

Contact Cedarville University For More Information

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Church music ministry is an exciting field of study! I believe that to bring joy to God's heart by leading His people to encounter Him through music and worship is an incredible honor, privilege, and responsibility. The demand for quality church musicians with a pastor's heart is great. The church music program at Cedarville University is designed to help prepare you to meet this demand. We train you in a wide range of practical areas, from traditional to contemporary worship, from children choirs to adult choirs, and from orchestra to praise band.

I believe that Cedarville is unique in our emphasis on practical training and experiential learning. Our internship pairs you with a full-time minister of music who serves as a mentor for a semester. This "on-the-job" training serves to reinforce classroom learning and allows you to gain valuable experience and contacts. If you feel that God may be calling you to lead His people to worship through music, please consider how we can help prepare you for ministry.

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"Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord" (Psalm 150:6). Where would we be without music to praise our Lord? The opportunity to lead people in worship is one of the greatest opportunities available in ministry.

Admittedly, the field of church music is a battleground for many. Any person wanting to minister in this way needs both the education and spiritual demeanor to help believers lay aside their differences and lift their voices and hearts to God. Cedarville University provides this breadth and depth. I encourage you to find out more about our church music program.

Dr. Bill Brown
President,
Cedarville University



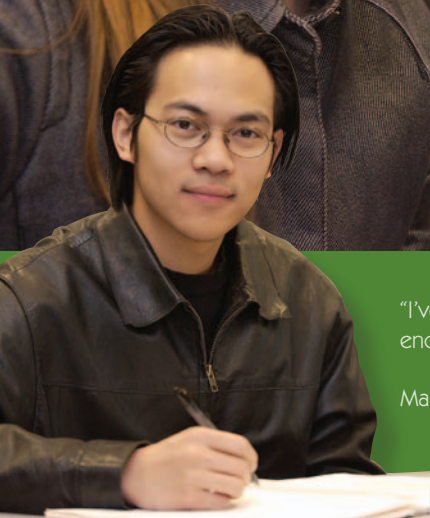
“The professors within the church music major not only were instrumental in connecting me with the church where I now serve; they also shared with me the broad spectrum of experience and know-how necessary to prepare and lead a church congregation to beautifully express their praise to God through music.”

Jamie Dieringer '04



“The church music program at Cedarville combines a love for music and a heart for the ministry. Being called to the ministry at a young age is sometimes difficult to handle when deciding a program of study, but this program is able to use my talents in music and help me with my heart for people. It keeps the same high standards as every other music degree, and I know I can take the skills I have obtained here and perform to my highest ability on my trumpet. It has helped me properly focus my attention to my studies so that I may further pursue a career in the mission field laid before me.”

Andrew Nicholl



“I’ve found the church music program here at Cedarville to be much more than sufficient. It encompasses all the skills we’ll need in the ministry and teaches us to focus on eternal goals.”

Mark Sue