



Hope COLLEGE

DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC

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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Ensemble Rehearsal Schedules

Chapel Choir (auditioned SATB)	M/W	from 4:00-5:30 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

Audition Dates	August 28 (Fri) Wind/Brass/Percussion/Keyboard only August 31 (Mon) Wind/Brass/Percussion/Keyboard only September 1 (Tue) String only September 2 (Wed) Strings only	
Audition Process	Audition Instructions for Band  Link to Band Excerpts	Audition Instructions for Orchestra  Link to Orchestral Excerpts
Sign up	<u>Step 1</u> Sign up for an audition slot: Link for Wind/Brass/Percussion/Keyboards Link for Strings <u>Step 2</u> Register for: MUSE 040 or MUSE 120 (Symphony Orchestra) and/or MUSE 060 (Concert Band)	

Location	Room 130 or Recital Hall, in the 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

Dates	Auditions held: Friday, August 28nd, Saturday - August 29rd, Monday August 31st and Tuesday, September 1st.
Location	Room 174, Jack H. Miller Center for Musical Arts, 221 Columbia Avenue
Repertoire	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: ● Getting to know you & your voice! ● A short sight-reading exercise ● 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 accompaniment/track. Feel free to bring sheet music if you have it. ● Prepared Song Excerpt - To the best of your ability, learn this short excerpt from “The Call” by Ralph Vaughan Williams. ○ Click HERE to see the sheet music. ○ Youtube links for reference: Tenor/Bass Recording, Soprano/Alto Recording

Signup	To register for an audition please complete these 3 steps: 1. Sign up for MUSE - 030 2. Choral Placement Form (Information about you!) 3. Sign up for your choral placement time!
Contact	We have multiple opportunities for you to participate in choir during your time at Hope College. • Chapel Choir (auditioned SATB), Eric Reyes, director • SPERA (auditioned SSAA), Pam Pierson, director • VERITAS (auditions TTBB), Eric Reyes, director • College Chorus (Voice Placement Required, but not auditioned SATB), Eric Reyes, director Click here to learn more about choir at Hope or contact: Dr. Eric Reyes reyese@hope.edu Prof. Pam Pierson pierson@hope.edu

Jazz Ensembles/Combos

Date/Time	Auditions held: Monday August 31, 2026 12:00pm-6:00pm
Location	Room 133, Jack H. Miller Center for Musical Arts, 221 Columbia Avenue
Auditions	Jazz Ensemble & Combo Auditions – Fall 2026 Auditions will be held in Jack Miller 133 from 12 PM to 6 PM on Monday August 31. If you are interested in participating in Jazz Ensembles and Combos for Fall 2026, 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.

	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. We encourage you to arrive early and be prepared for any unexpected delays. Audition Guidelines: • 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. • 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. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out. Click here to see the sheet music.
Sign up	Step 1: Reserve an audition time slot here Step 2: Fill in this form Step 3: Register for MUSE 070-01 Pending Placement Jazz
Contact	Prof. Robert Shipley (shipley@hope.edu) for Jazz Ensembles/Combos

Piano Auditions for Solo Lessons

Please register for MUSA 010-01 Pending Placement - Piano.

Auditions will be held in Jack Miller 162 on Monday August 31 and Tuesday September 1, 2026. 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

Please register for MUSA 020-01 Pending Placement - Voice.

Applied voice placement auditions for private lessons will take place on Monday, August 31, 2026 (1:00pm - 6:00pm) in JHM #242. For your audition, please prepare a song in either the Classical or Musical Theatre Styles. There will be a pianist provided, and the music is recommended to be sung from memory but not required: 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 2026 Voice Placement Audition Sign-Ups](#). Email Dr. Jung Woo Kim (kimj@hope.edu) with any questions.