Department Of Music

Refer to Requisition #: 105058 on all correspondence and inquiries regarding this position.

OUR COMMITMENT
Sonoma State University offers an exceptional educational experience that fosters intellectual, cognitive, social, and personal growth. As the only member of the Council of Public Liberal Arts Colleges in California, we are uniquely positioned to foster ethical exploration, civic engagement, social responsibility, and global awareness combined with a solid foundation in an academic discipline. We have a strong commitment to graduating students who have the ability to think critically and communicate effectively in an ever-changing world. The unique campus culture fosters our Seawolf Commitment to integrity, respect, excellence, and responsibility and is integrated into all campus life. We nurture inclusive excellence through a celebration of the rich diversity of our local communities and our interconnected global economy. Members of the University community are expected to work effectively with faculty, staff, and students from diverse ethnic, cultural, and socioeconomic backgrounds. We are fully committed to the rights of students, staff and faculty with disabilities in accordance with applicable state and federal laws. SSU is especially interested in candidates who make contributions to equity and inclusion in the pursuit of excellence in teaching, scholarship, and service.

THE UNIVERSITY
Sonoma State University's beautiful 274-acre campus is located in Sonoma County wine country, an hour north of San Francisco. The campus offers the ideal setting for teaching and learning and access to a community of rich cultural, environmental, and recreational opportunities. Founded in 1960, Sonoma State University is one of the 23 campuses of the California State University System. As members of the largest public higher educational system in the nation, we provide accessible, high quality education to more than 9,000 students. Sonoma State University is proud to be a Hispanic Serving Institution committed to achieving the goals of equal opportunity and endeavors to employ faculty and staff reflecting the ethnic and cultural diversity of the region and state.

THE DEPARTMENT
Voted among the Most Wired, Top Green & Best Value schools in America (Princeton Review), the Sonoma State Department of Music offers multifarious performance opportunities in instrumental, choral, jazz, and music theatre. The Department is housed in the Donald and Maureen Green Music Center, a premiere performing arts complex that includes Joan and Sanford I. Weill Hall, a 1400-seat state of the art concert venue considered to be among the finest performance venues in the country, and Schroeder Recital Hall, a stunning 250-seat recital and chamber music venue. In addition, the Green Center includes an education wing comprised of rehearsal spaces, practice rooms, and conference facilities.

Since Weill Hall’s Grand Opening in 2012, the breath-taking acoustics of this uniquely designed space have attracted such internationally renowned solo artists such as Lang Lang, Yo-Yo Ma, Itzhak Perlman, John Adams, Anne-Sophie Mutter, Wynton Marsalis, and large ensembles including the Vienna Philharmonic, the Mariinsky Orchestra, San Francisco Symphony, the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra, the United States Marine and Navy Bands, and countless others.

As the largest public institution in the nation, the CSU proudly recruits students from all corners of the diverse population of California. Sonoma State University values equity, diversity, and inclusion, and works to build equity in our community by creating an inclusive, welcome learning environment. Many of our graduates have gone on to successful careers as performers, music educators, recording artists, composers, and more.

The Department offers the following degree programs:
• Bachelor of Music degree in Instrumental Performance
• Bachelor of Music degree in Vocal Performance
• Bachelor of Music degree in Music Education (Choral, Instrumental and Jazz Tracks)
• Bachelor of Music degree in Jazz Studies
• Bachelor of Music degree Music Composition
• Bachelor of Arts degree in Music, Liberal Studies concentration
• Students may also pursue the Music minor

Sonoma State University’s voice faculty are renowned performers, directors, and educators in the field. SSU’s Voice Program promotes a collaborative, supportive environment for individual, artistic, and technical development. The program features weekly voice lessons with renowned vocal artists and pedagogues as well as collaborative pianists who play in-lesson. Voice students regularly have the opportunity to perform in the Opera/Music Theatre mainstage production, Opera and Music Theatre Scenes, and to work with the SSU Department of Theatre Arts and Dance, Santa Rosa Symphony, Sonoma Bach, San Francisco Opera, and world-class guest artists from the Green Music Center’s multi-genre performance series. SSU also provides numerous opportunities for choral performance in its Symphonic Chorus, Concert Choir, and the select SonoVoce chamber choir.

DEPARTMENT PHILOSOPHY
At Sonoma State University, developing artists cultivate their individuality in an environment that emphasizes personalized instruction. Academic music classes are typically small making faculty approachable and accessible. Music majors receive weekly private lessons by faculty who are professional performers with prominent Bay Area organizations such as the San Francisco Symphony, Ballet and Opera orchestras, the Santa Rosa Symphony, and Clerestory. The Department houses a number of large and small ensembles, thus providing students a wide variety of performance experiences.

DEPARTMENT CURRICULUM
The core curriculum for music majors is a rigorous program that provides a thorough foundation in such essential skills as keyboard facility, theoretical understanding, aural perception, and analysis of a wide range of music literature. All majors gain experience with both the intuitive and the intellectual processes of the art. The curriculum is designed to place the specialized study of music in the setting of a liberal arts education and to serve as a firm basis for careers in a wide variety of professions in music and those related to music. Private voice/instrument lessons are required of all music majors. All students attend a weekly repertoire class.

Prospective applicants are encouraged to see the department’s Web page at:
www.music.sonoma.edu

DUTIES OF THE POSITION
Teach private studio lessons to classical voice majors in the BM Performance, BM Music Education and BA Music degree programs. Ability to teach a variety of styles, including classical, jazz, musical theatre, and contemporary, as well as repertoire in a variety of languages, including English, Italian, French, and German. Potential for teaching other courses and coaching ensembles as assigned by the Department. We seek candidates who are dynamic educators who are willing to be actively involved in recruitment activities and who are willing to participate in department performances and events.

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS
To be recommended for appointment, the candidate must have:
Candidates for activity courses and private instruction must have college-level education in music and extensive professional performing and teaching experience. Candidates for lecture classes must have at least a Master’s Degree in Music.
RANK AND SALARY
Full-time is 15-unit workload per semester. Actual salary is dependent upon number of units assigned, educational preparation, and availability of funds subject to any CSU system faculty contract salary increases.

- Selection as a candidate in the applicant pool, does not guarantee employment. Temporary Faculty appointments are made on a part-time, temporary basis and contingent upon department needs and funding.
- Temporary Faculty appointments are made on a semester-by-semester basis.
- Relocation expenses will not be provided for temporary faculty appointments.
- Expenses incurred to attend an interview for temporary faculty positions are not reimbursed by the University.

HOW TO APPLY
To apply for this position, go to jobs.sonoma.edu and click on the External Applicant link under the Legacy Jobs Site section. If you are not currently employed at Sonoma State University, register a new account. If you are currently employed at Sonoma State University, log in with your SSU username and password. You will be redirected to a list of all available jobs at Sonoma State University. Find and select the faculty position you are applying for to view the description and select Apply Now. If you have not applied for a job at Sonoma State University previously you will be asked to Register Now in order to proceed. At the initial stage of the application, you will be prompted to upload a resume. Please combine your CV and cover letter into one PDF document and upload it in place of the resume. Once you have submitted the application, a confirmation email will be automatically sent to you. If you encounter difficulties during the application process, please email facultysearch@sonoma.edu.

Please submit:
Required
- Application letter
- Curriculum vitae

Optional
- Statement of Teaching Philosophy
- Contact Information for 3 References
- Optional: Performance recordings of applicant

Official transcripts are required at the time of hire.

Application procedures for temporary faculty already teaching in the department:
- Temporary Faculty with three-year contracts do not need to reapply.
- Temporary Faculty who have taught for the department within the past two years only need to submit a Lecturer Qualified Course Form and updated CV to remain in the pool. The hiring committee will review the Personnel Action File and then determine whether an additional interview would be beneficial.

Sonoma State University hires only individuals lawfully authorized to work in the United States. All offers of employment are contingent upon presentation of documents demonstrating the appointee’s identity and eligibility to work, in accordance with the provisions of the Immigration Reform and Control Act. Sonoma State University does not facilitate the process of applying for an H1B Visa for temporary positions.
APPLICATION DEADLINE
The deadline to apply is June 25, 2021.

Questions concerning the application process may be directed to: facultysearch@sonoma.edu
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105058 PLEASE REFER TO THIS NUMBER ON ALL CORRESPONDENCE AND INQUIRIES REGARDING THIS POSITION.

OTHER INFORMATION
The university is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. We consider qualified applicants for employment without regard to race, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, age, sex, gender, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, genetic information, medical condition, disability, marital status, or protected veteran status.
This position is considered a “mandated reporter” under the California Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act and is required to comply with the requirements set forth in CSU Executive Order 1083 as a condition of employment.

View Benefits Summary

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