Career Outlook 2018: Music

Music Programs Available at Bemidji State University:

**Major:** Music (B.A.), Music Education, Teacher Licensure (B.S.)

**Minor:** Music

**Fields of Emphasis:** Piano Performance and Pedagogy, Instrumental Performance, Vocal Performance, Jazz Studies

**Teaching Specializations:** Instrumental, Vocal

**Department Website:** http://www.bemidjistate.edu/academics/departments/music/

EMPLOYMENT AREAS AND PROJECTED DEMAND:
The "Occupational Outlook Handbook" (OOH) reports that musicians, singers and related workers held about 247,200 jobs in 2016; 172,400 were held by musicians and singers, and 74,800 were music directors and composers. Of those who earn a wage or salary, 47% were employed by religious, grant-making, civic, professional, and similar organizations; 13% by performing arts companies, such as professional orchestras, small chamber music groups, opera companies, musical theater companies, and ballet troupes; and 2% were employed by educational services. Musicians and singers also perform in nightclubs and restaurants and for weddings and other events. The U.S. Armed Forces also offer careers in their bands and smaller musical groups. Teaching is a career area that many music majors pursue.

OOH reports that the nationwide demand for musicians is expected to grow as fast as average through 2026, with the average pay being $25.14 per hour. For music directors and composers, this field is expected to grow as fast as average through 2026 with people established in their career generally earning between $20,820 and $106,700 per year. The median pay for 2016 was $50,110 per year.

PLACEMENT INFORMATION FOR MUSIC GRADUATES:
There are many career opportunities for Bemidji State University Music graduates. Of the Bemidji State University 2015-2016 Music (B.A.) graduates, 50% reported obtaining related employment within one year of graduation, and 50% continued their education. Of the Bemidji State University 2015-2016 Music Education (B.S.) graduates, 66.7% reported obtaining related employment within one year of graduation. These figures do not include students who were not seeking employment, unavailable, or had unknown status.

PARTIAL LIST OF EMPLOYERS WHO HAVE REPORTED HIRING BSU MUSIC GRADUATES*: (This list only includes employment within one year of graduation.)

- Florida State University, Graduate Assistant, Tallahassee, FL
- ISD 2170, Director of Bands, Staples-Motley, MN
- Robert J. Elkington Middle School, Music Educator, Grand Rapids, MN
- The Woodtick Theater, Musician, Akeley, MN

COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES WHERE BSU MUSIC GRADUATES HAVE GONE TO CONTINUE THEIR EDUCATION:

- Arizona State University-West, Phoenix, AZ
- Bemidji State University, Bemidji, MN
- University of Minnesota Twin Cities, Minneapolis, MN
- Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL
- Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA

*Degrees alone do not get students jobs. Internships, summer jobs, volunteer work, part-time jobs, work-study positions, and active participation in student organizations on campus are all ways to become more competitive in a tight job market.

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