

# Career Outlook: 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, music directors and composers held about 252,300 jobs in 2018; 187,600 were held by musicians and singers, and 64,700 were music directors and composers. Of directors and composers, 59% were employed by religious, grant-making, civic, professional, and similar organizations; 28% were self-employed, 4% by performing arts companies, such as professional orchestras, small chamber music groups, opera companies, musical theater companies, and ballet troupes; and 5% were employed by educational services. Musicians and singers also perform in nightclubs and restaurants and for weddings and other events. Teaching is an area that many music majors pursue through private lessons or structured group settings.

OOH reports that the nationwide demand for musicians is expected to have little or no growth through 2028, with the average pay being \$28.15 per hour for singers and musicians. For music directors and composers, the median pay is \$49,630. This field is expected to have little or no growth through 2028 with people established in their career generally earning between \$21,640 and \$112,820 per year.

## **PLACEMENT INFORMATION FOR MUSIC GRADUATES:**

There are many career opportunities for Bemidji State University Music graduates. Of the 4 Bemidji State University 2017-2018 Music (B.A.) graduates, 66.7% reported obtaining related employment within one year of graduation and 25% went on to continue their education. Of the 3 Bemidji State University 2017-2018 Music Education (B.S.) graduates 100% 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 includes employment within one year of graduation from 2017-2018.)**

Bertha-Hewitt Schools	Choir Teacher	Bertha, MN
Grand Rapids School District	Teacher	Grand Rapids, MN
Headwaters School of Arts & Music	Voice Teacher	Bemidji, MN
Paul Bunyan School	Para-Professional	Bemidji, MN
Schoolcraft Learning Community	Teacher	Bemidji, MN

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

- Augsburg University, Minneapolis, MN

\*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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**For more information, contact Career Services; Decker Hall/218-755-2038/career@bemidjistate.edu**

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