

# 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

**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 205,400 jobs in 2020; 157,300 were held by musicians and singers, and 48,100 were music directors and composers. Of directors and composers, 70% were employed by religious, grant-making, civic, professional, and similar organizations; 20% 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 3% 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. The growth for High School Teachers is projected to be 4% (as fast as average).

OOH reports that the nationwide demand for musicians is expected to grow 11% (faster than average) through 2020, with the average pay being \$31.40 per hour for singers and musicians. For music directors and composers, the median pay is \$52,250. This field is expected to have 6% growth (as fast as average) through 2030 with people established in their career generally earning between \$23,890 and \$124,390 per year.

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

There are many career opportunities for Bemidji State University Music graduates. Of the 6 Bemidji State University 2019-2020 Music (B.A.) graduates, 100% went on to continue their education. Of the 3 Bemidji State University 2019-2020 Music Education (B.S.) graduates 50% 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 for the years 2019-2020.)**

Coperni 2 Charter School	Music Teacher	Colorado Springs, CO
Cross Lake Community Schools	K-8 Music Teacher	Cross Lake, MN
Princeton Senior High School	Musical Assistant Director	Princeton, MN
Schoolcraft Learning Community	Music Teacher	Bemidji, MN
Self Employed	Voice Teacher	Bemidji, MN
Starland Elementary School	Music Teacher	Gibbon, MN

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

- Bemidji State University, Bemidji, MN (x2)
- Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, PA (x2)
- Rochester Community and Technical College, Rochester, MN
- University of Central Missouri, Warrensburg, MO

\*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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