

Welcome to all of you new CU-Bloomsburg students!

I am aware that you are interested in playing in the orchestra for the coming year. Great! We have a wonderful year planned for the school year. You can read more about the orchestra below. So that you can plan your year and get excited about performing in the orchestra, I have included some of the repertoire for the Fall Semester and the Orchestra Calendar. There's no need to stop playing your instrument now just because you've graduated! Join the Bloomsburg University Community Orchestra and make your mark at your new school right from the start.

The Bloomsburg Community Orchestra offers a great deal to CU-Bloomsburg and to the surrounding community. It is the premiere orchestral ensemble on campus that plays a wide variety of music and is a fun ensemble to be a member of. We play music from movies, video games, Broadway shows, as well as traditional orchestra music and music by living composers!

The Orchestra typically performs three to four times a year. In the fall semester, in addition to a more traditional-styled concert, we perform our annual Young Persons' Concert for area elementary school students. We have about 1,000 students attending the concert. It's a little more laid back than your typical concert with audience interaction, a laid-back atmosphere, a wider variety of music, and just a fun atmosphere overall. In addition to that concert, we're combining with the CU-Bloomsburg Choirs to perform Fauré's Requiem!

In the spring semester, we are performing with guest artists in March. This concert will be slightly different in that it calls for a smaller ensemble and we'll perform hip-hop music with the visiting artists! Our final concert this year will be accompanying the winners of the annual Aria-Concerto Competition!

This fall is a good time to become involved in the Bloomsburg Community Orchestra. We are constantly pushing ourselves to become better musicians, while still maintaining an atmosphere of support and encouragement. We also have a little bit of fun playing some great music. We are always looking for ways to engage with the community. We're always building a sense of community. This provides an opportunity for new members to make a difference and show off what they can do. We have a great and welcoming group of student musicians who make it our goal to find something for everyone interested. We are always looking for string players as well as brass and percussion instrumentalists. If you have any interest, please get in touch with us.

When you get to campus this fall, be sure to look us up. We will be at the Activities Fair during orientation week on Sunday, August 25, 2024, from 1-3 pm on the Academic Quad. Once classes begin, get in touch with Dr. Tedford, dtedford@commonwealthu.edu for more information. And be sure to come to our first rehearsal on Monday, August 26, at 6:30 pm, in Haas 116 (lower level of Haas, enter across from Columbia), where you can meet all the members, sit in on a rehearsal, and become an active member of the orchestra.

I hope to welcome you to the Bloomsburg Community Orchestra in August!

Sincerely,

David Tedford, DMA
Conductor & Director of Orchestral Activities

CALENDAR OF ORCHESTRAL EVENTS Fall 2024

Monday, August 26

Tuesday, October 15

Saturday, November 9

November 23-28

Classes Begin

Young Persons' Concert

Fall Concert – Fauré's Requiem

Thanksgiving Break