

RISE

MUSIC AT CONCORDIA



*“It’s no accident that God placed your voice box halfway
between your head and your heart.”*

– Dr. René Clausen, conductor and composer, The Concordia Choir



Year after year, hundreds of students come to Concordia with music on their mind and in their heart. The rich traditions of Concordia's choirs, bands and orchestras find their way into communities across the country and around the world.

Some aspire to be music teachers, conductors, performers or composers. Music faculty become invaluable mentors for artists developing their craft, helping refine their raw talent and introducing them to new opportunities in the world of music. Many more will be leaders in business, medicine, journalism and ministry – lending their voice or instrument to an ensemble to enrich communities.

“Concordia was a great launching pad for me. I was inspired by the professors in the music department; their hunger and passion for reaching a mastery of music themselves created such a wonderful environment for learning and creating.”

– JoAnne Harris '06, composer and conductor



Since its inception, music has been at the core of the vision and mission of Concordia College. Dedicated to sending into society thoughtful and informed men and women ready to influence the affairs of the world, the department of music is positioned to nurture creativity, sensitivity, understanding and communication skills in our students through the musical arts. Whether music is pursued as a vocation or as an avocation, such human attributes instilled in our students directly impact the betterment of our society and world.

Our goal is to not only sustain, but strengthen Concordia's tradition and heritage of excellence in music education and performance for generations of students to come.

Concordia's musical success is found in a combination of talented, passionate students learning from faculty and studio instructors of the highest caliber. We must offer facilities, technology, and resources that inspire prospective students and match the caliber of our department's talents and abilities.

ADDITIONAL FUNDING WILL ALLOW THE DEPARTMENT TO INVEST IN:

- greater access to a music education through student scholarships
 - high quality instruments that motivate our musicians
 - digital recording technology
 - distinguished faculty through endowed professorships
- increased domestic and international touring opportunities to bring people and cultures together, and inspire younger generations



“Music facilitates connections in our shared humanity and moves people to action.”

– Dr. John Roberts, music department chair

Talk to one of our gift planners to discuss the ways you can RISE to support music and invest in a future that a Concordia music education makes possible.