

On behalf of my faculty and staff colleagues, I'm thrilled to welcome you to the Department of Music and the Claire Trevor School of the Arts at UC Irvine!

Our department offers a unique program of artistic and intellectual training in the context of a leading research university, and features a faculty of world-class artists and scholars working across an incredibly wide range, from ancient traditions to cutting-edge innovations. We are proud of our alumni, who have been successful across many types of career paths, and we look forward to helping you build a foundation for your unique creative and professional journey.

I look forward to meeting you in person during Welcome Week, which includes mandatory placement exams for music theory and history, auditions for ensembles, and brief but important meetings with members of our faculty and staff. Please review the Welcome Week Schedule, a detailed list of department and school activities for all music students. I also encourage you to visit the department website at <https://music.arts.uci.edu>, where you can find important information, forms, policies and an Undergraduate Music Majors Handbook.

All of our faculty and staff are committed to ensuring your success. Your studio teacher will be a key mentor, but I also encourage you to reach out to other faculty for advice during your time here, especially those whose professional work resonates with you. Our department is a friendly place, and if you cultivate a curious ear and mindset, attend diverse events and classes, and seek ways to connect with the broader department community, you will help to ensure your success at UCI and open up many new possibilities for the future.

If you ever have any questions about the Music Department, please contact us at music@uci.edu or (949) 824-6615. We look forward to seeing you soon! Warm wishes,



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