

## **Purposes and Vision of the Music Department Colorado Mesa University**

As part of the largest institution of higher learning between Denver and the Salt Lake region, the Music Department at Colorado Mesa University seeks to prepare music students for careers as a performer or teacher, as a professional in the music industry, or to use music study as the basis for other professions. The Music Department endeavors to create an educational setting in which students develop leadership skills and evolve into multi-faceted musicians, critical thinkers and life-long learners who can succeed in an ever-changing, competitive profession.

Set in a positive, collaborative teaching-learning environment, students receive excellent opportunities for musical development, artistic achievement and professional training. The faculty believes this is the framework needed for success and models this at every opportunity.

Our vision is to become a premiere destination for students who seek serious music study at a mid-size institution. Although Colorado Mesa University is designated as a regional provider for western Colorado, the Music Department's reach extends far beyond. A primary objective of the Music Department is to attract and graduate excellent students and to provide them with an environment that stresses academic rigor and serious artistic standards while fostering a professional demeanor that is conducive to achievement and growth. The department takes its role in providing cultural opportunities seriously by recruiting those who seek to further their music study but choose to major in other disciplines.

As a foremost cultural leader in western Colorado, the Music Department provides outstanding recitals, concerts and productions for the college, community and region. Furthermore, the department reaches out to secondary students and their teachers to provide educational opportunities by hosting instructive events, guest artists, and innovative festivals. The Music Department consistently collaborates with area school districts and other community arts organizations.