

College of the Arts

Department of Music

Department Head



The Valdosta State University College of the Arts is accepting applications for **Head of the Department of Music**. The position is tenure earning and rank will be either associate or full professor and is dependent upon credentials and qualifications. Appointment date is July 1, 2021. To carry out our comprehensive mission, we seek applicants with the desire and ability to successfully engage students as they launch and progress through their intellectual journey.

Valdosta State University is proud to have a highly diverse student body, and we are seeking to recruit and retain outstanding candidates who exhibit a clear commitment to diversity and inclusion and who will enhance the diversity of our faculty and staff.

The Department Head is the administrative officer of the Department of Music and reports directly to the Dean of the College of the Arts. The ideal candidate will:

- Demonstrate exceptional organizational, communication, and interpersonal skills as well as time management, prioritization, and completion of tasks
- Commit to student engagement, and promote an open, inclusive, and positive environment
- Provide a creative vision and execute long-range planning to lead dynamic programs to excellence and to regional and national recognition
- Collaborate with diverse groups and individuals in a wide range of environments
- Foster an equitable and impartial culture of transparent, and consistent communication with students, faculty, and staff, as well as with university and community partners
- Promote an environment of collegiality, shared governance, and an openness to engage faculty in strategic planning and decision-making
- Possess an understanding of how technology informs, affects, and responds to the evolving needs of the discipline, and makes an impact on a national and global scale
- Mentor and develop faculty teachers and scholars as part of their ongoing engagement with our global, diverse, and technological society
- Collaborate with faculty, administration, and community stakeholders in recruitment and retention initiatives and program development
- Connect and engage with local, regional, and national civic and community organizations
- Possess a working knowledge and experience with accreditation for music programs

Required Qualifications:

- An earned terminal degree from an accredited institution in a discipline represented in the Department of Music (e.g., music theory, musicology, music education, pedagogy, music performance, etc.)
- A record of excellence in teaching, scholarship, and service commensurate with appointment at the rank of associate or full professor with tenure
- Demonstrated commitment to excellence in teaching and learning, as well as scholarship
- Demonstrated commitment to diversity and inclusion
- Commitment to shared governance and a consultative leadership style
- Compelling record of progressive, responsible, and relevant leadership experience
- An understanding of current trends in higher education and a commitment to innovation in teaching and learning
- Active participation in professional music organizations at regional and national levels

Preferred Qualifications:

- Experience as a department head or similar administrative role
 - Preparation and management of departmental budgets
 - Experience with departmental strategic planning



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- Experience in the following areas:
 - o Personnel management, annual evaluation, and tenure and promotion review
 - o Recruitment and retention of faculty and students
 - o Developing departmental academic programs, curricular revisions, and coordination of assessment review and reporting
 - o Program accreditation agencies
 - o Developing, sustaining, or leading community outreach supporting music and performing arts
 - o Involvement with community engagement, stakeholders, patron and donor cultivation
 - o Grant writing and extramural funding

The Department of Music is made up of 32 faculty/artist teachers and over 170 music majors and minors. The Department of Music presents over 150 musical performances for the public each year. In addition, several of the major performing ensembles of the department travel throughout Georgia, the Southeast, and abroad, performing for schools, civic groups, and as part of community concert series. The Department of Music will move several units of the department into Powell Hall, a newly renovated, historically preserved, state of the art music facility in the spring of 2021; featuring new administrative offices, a stunning 200-seat recital hall, faculty studios, rehearsal studios, and practice rooms. Valdosta State University is a fully accredited member of the National Association of Schools of Music. <https://www.valdosta.edu/colleges/arts/music/about.php>

The VSU College of the Arts includes the Department of Art & Design, the Department of Music, and the Department of Communication Arts (Communication, Emergent Media, Mass Media, Public Relations, Theatre & Dance). The College of the Arts is also home to the award-winning Valdosta Symphony Orchestra and the Peach State Summer Theatre, designated as the Official Musical Theatre of the State of Georgia. VSU is accredited by NASAD, NASM, and NAST. With nearly 90 faculty members and approximately 1,100 students, the College offers a comprehensive range of undergraduate and graduate degree programs. For more information, <https://www.valdosta.edu/coa>

Valdosta State University, founded in 1906, VSU is a comprehensive university with a student enrollment of approximately 12,500. The city of Valdosta is located just north of the Florida state line on Interstate 75, is served by a regional airport, and is within a two-hour drive of Jacksonville and Tallahassee, Florida. For more information visit <https://www.valdosta.edu> and for more information about the community visit <https://www.valdostachamber.com>

Online application is required and should be submitted by January 4, 2021, at <https://www.valdosta.edu/administration/finance-admin/human-resources/employment-opportunities.php>

Valdosta State University is an Equal Opportunity educational institution and has a strong institutional commitment to diversity. In that spirit, we are particularly interested in receiving applications from a broad spectrum of people, including, but not limited to, minorities, and individuals with disabilities. Valdosta State University has a non-discrimination policy that includes sex, race, color, sexual orientation, religion, age, marital status, national origin, disability, and veteran status.

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