



Brother Rice Fact Sheet



Music

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Started at Rice: 1997
Masters of Arts in Jazz Studies
University of Michigan



THE ENSEMBLES

Concert Band

40-piece large ensemble capable of playing the most intricate of musical compositions.

Chamber Ensemble

10 to 20 pieces with winds, strings, percussion, and keyboards. This group performs smaller more intimate compositions.

Jazz Band

Standard jazz repertoire, explores the art of improvisations 15 to 30 members.

Musicology

Explores the fundamental properties of music, physical as well as Metaphysical.

Songwriting & Production

The actual creation and production of original music projects.

Pep Band

Supports sporting events, this group is outfitted for marching at sporting events and parades.

THE FACILITIES

This state of the art facility is ultra-conducive to musical studies featuring:

- Climate controlled environment
- Storage unlimited
- Carpeted rehearsal studio
- Two baby grand pianos

State of the art recording & production facility featuring:

- Mackie 32 x 8 Mixing Console
- Mackie 24/96 Digital Hard-Disc Recorder
- 24 Tracks/96 Virtual Tracks
- Mackie Near Field Monitors
- Microphones for every condition
- AKG 4047 Vocal Microphone
- Multiple Processors, Reverb/Delay
- Headphone Monitor System
- Marantz CD burner
- Korg Triton XS Pro Keyboard Work Station
- Computer Writing Programs: Cakewalk Encore & Metro 5
- Various amplifiers for live performance: Roland & Crate
- Washburn Electric Acoustic Guitar



If you have specific questions about the Music Department, please contact Mr. Dean DiPierro via email at dipierro@brrice.edu or (248) 647-2526 ext. 189

People matter to us and to God. At Brother Rice we answer the call to serve our neighbor for the love of God. Every Brother Rice student serves the Lord and their neighbor by performing 15 hours of service to the community each year. Students work in their churches, health care facilities, or charitable organizations. Fulfilling an Essential Element of a Christian Brother education, 'Standing in solidarity with those marginalized by poverty and injustice' many of our students complete their service as part of a group in the following ways:

Winter Break Mission Trip

Students and faculty will journey to Glenmary Farm to work with the poor in Appalachia.

Spring Break Pilgrimage

Students, faculty, alumni, and friends take a pilgrimage to the birthplace of Edmund Rice, the founder of the Congregation of Christian Brothers, in Callan, Ireland.

International Mission Trip

During the summer, students, faculty, alumni and friends will participate in an International Mission Trip to Peru to work with our schools and with the poor.

Community Outreach

Lighthouse Thanksgiving Project: Each year 100 students assist in the packing of food baskets for Thanksgiving for the needy of Oakland County.

Lighthouse Christmas Project: Each year 50 students help with the distribution of Christmas gifts from Lighthouse to their clients prior to Christmas.

Jamieson Elementary School in Detroit: Working with the "Beyond Basics" writing program bi-weekly.

Stewart Elementary School in Detroit: Collecting books for all their students through our Gift of Reading Partnership and reading the books to the students.

Maybury Elementary School in Detroit: Working with Bridgepoint's Holiday Party.

Two canned food drives to benefit St. Patrick Parish Food Pantry in Detroit.

Lenten Canned Food Drive to assist Open Hands Food Pantry in Royal Oak.

Christmas Toy Drive for the Ladies of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul.

Annual "Souper Bowl" Dinner with Marian, raises money for St. Leo's and the Capuchin Soup Kitchens.