Graduate Assistantship

Collaborative Piano

Eligibility
Full-time, degree-seeking graduate student. Preference will be given to students majoring in piano; however, students with other majors are encouraged to apply.

Award
Waiver of graduate tuition for 15 credit hours per year plus a stipend.

Duties
Serve as collaborative pianist for vocal ensembles and/or vocal classes. Position will require 10-20 hours of service per week. Schedule and exact number of hours per week are TBD.

Faculty
Dr. Kate Boyd, Director of Keyboard Studies
Catherine Bringerud, Instructor of Collaborative Piano
Karen Thickstun, Instructor of Piano Pedagogy and Director of the Butler Community Arts School

Degrees
- Master of Music in
  - Composition
  - Conducting (Choral or Instrumental)
  - Music Education
  - Performance
  - Piano Pedagogy
- Master of Arts in
  - Musicology

Students may also pursue a MM or MA degree with a double major.

About Butler University School of Music
- A faculty of distinguished artists and scholars who are also dedicated teachers and mentors.
- Indianapolis, the nation’s 15th largest city, is home to a notable music recording industry, many quality church and community choirs, and a thriving artistic and cultural community.
- Professional, musical, and educational opportunities with Indianapolis-based musical organizations, including the American Pianists Association, Indianapolis Symphonic Choir, Indianapolis Children’s Choir, Indianapolis Opera, and Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra.
- Opportunities to teach professionally through the Butler Community Arts School (BCAS) and work with students in urban, suburban, and rural school settings.
- Opportunities to work with and participate in outstanding student ensembles including the Butler Symphony Orchestra, Butler Wind Ensemble, University Chorale, Butler Symphonic Band, University Choir, Chamber Singers, Jordan Jazz (vocal jazz), Jazz Ensemble, Jazz Combo, and others.
- Excellent teaching, practice, and performance facilities including 2,200-seat Clowes Memorial Hall, the 450-seat Schrott Center for the Arts, and the intimate 140-seat Eidson-Duckwall Recital Hall, all with Steinway pianos.
- Butler Master of Music alumni have enjoyed tremendous success including conducting positions with the LA Opera and Evansville Philharmonic, faculty positions at Princeton and the University of Wisconsin, doctoral studies at Rice and USC, studying in Vienna as Fulbright Scholars, and as film composers in Hollywood.

Application
Students may apply via the JCA Graduate Music Supplement on the Butler Graduate Application. The application deadline is January 1. For complete information and application requirements, visit butler.edu/music and select “Graduate Studies.”

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