A Great Tradition

“Great Teaching Makes the Difference” is more than just a slogan in the UNI School of Music. The woodwind faculty artists at UNI are among the best and most dedicated teachers in the country. Each member of the woodwind faculty is an actively performing professional in his/her own right, who considers teaching to be not only a job, but a mission. When attending UNI as a music major, it is a certainty that you will be studying with one of these professionals, not with a teaching assistant or graduate student.

Exceptional Faculty

Members of the UNI woodwind faculty hold core positions in the wcfsymphony, while also being in consistent demand with many other orchestras and as guest artists at universities across the continent. UNI is also the musical home of Iowa’s only professional trio d’anches, the Kairos Trio. Either as part of an ensemble or as a solo artist, UNI faculty tour nationally and internationally as invited performers and teachers, most recently appearing at international conferences for the International Double Reed Society, International Clarinet Association, and College Music Society, as well as regional and national conferences such as the North American Saxophone Alliance and National Association for Wind and Percussion Instructors.
Performance Opportunities
Here at UNI, we consider our students to be one of our most valuable assets and go above and beyond to make diverse performance experiences available to everyone, not just upperclassmen or graduate students.

As an undergraduate music student you’ll gain valuable performing experience in UNI’s many fine ensembles, beginning the first day you arrive on campus. Both undergraduate and graduate students have the opportunity to perform in the Wind Ensemble, the Symphony Orchestra, Opera Orchestra, Jazz Bands, Symphonic Band, Panther Marching Band and numerous smaller chamber ensembles such as woodwind quintets, the Northern Iowa Flute Choir, Clarinet Choir, Oboe Band, and annual woodwind studio recitals. Woodwind students are also invited to perform in annual side-by-side recitals with School of Music faculty as part of the newest collaborative performance initiative, chambermusic@UNI.

In addition to the performance opportunities in the School of Music, the Waterloo/Cedar Falls metropolitan area offers many professional performing opportunities for students including wcfsymphony, Orchestra Iowa, the Metropolitan Chorale Orchestra, municipal bands of Waterloo, Cedar Falls, Cedar Rapids, Mason City, and many more.

Reaching Out
If you have any questions about the woodwind studios and events at UNI, music scholarships, or just a question about playing your instrument, please feel free to contact us. We’re never too busy to help an aspiring young musician!

Learn about our faculty at music.uni.edu/directory

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