The Vanderbilt Faculty Manual is the guide to University policies and procedures for all Vanderbilt University faculty. Blair faculty follow the policies set forth in this manual:

https://www.vanderbilt.edu/faculty-manual/
https://www.vanderbilt.edu/facultysenate/secure/faculty-manual/FacManSnapshotasof2-7-2020.pdf
The Blair School focuses on the personal and professional education of highly talented young musicians who demonstrate an exceptional capacity and motivation to shape our increasingly diverse and complex global century—through music, with music, and in music.

Our unique “Blair Experience” builds on the very foundation of methods, repertories, and ensembles shared by the world’s most competitive schools of music and conservatories but goes well beyond that, immersing students in the transformative spaces of a world-class research university committed to inclusive excellence with distinction in areas ranging from theology to science, arts to engineering, humanities to business, and education to law.

Graduates of the Blair School are recognized as superior artists and scholars distinguished by their global mindsets, broad interdisciplinary competencies, and unyielding commitments to advocacy, entrepreneurship, and education.
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VU FACULTY MANUAL
https://www.vanderbilt.edu/faculty-manual/

All faculty members are subject to the principles, privileges, procedures, rules and responsibilities presented in the Vanderbilt University Faculty Manual.

VUNET ID
Your "VUnet ID" is your username that identifies you to most computer-based systems at Vanderbilt. You will use this as your primary identifier and login for most Vanderbilt programs. When your information has been submitted to HR (Human Resources), you will receive an email inviting you to authorize your VUnet ID and create an e-password. If you need assistance in claiming your account and creating an e-password, email blair-it@vanderbilt.edu.

E-PASSWORD
https://it.vanderbilt.edu/services/identity/user/

During the VUnet ID authorization process, you will select an e-password. Everyone is required to change the password semi-annually. If you forget your e-password, go to the “existing users” page at the website listed above and follow the instructions to change your e-password. If you need assistance, contact blair-it@vanderbilt.edu.

Enhanced security - you must follow specific rules when selecting your e-password. In addition, all programs and web pages that require your e-password are "secure" in that they do not transmit your e-password in clear-text over the network.

Since you use your e-password to access personal information such as your email messages, course registration, and student grades, you should not share it with anyone - including family, friends, or support personnel. Do not use the same password with off-campus accounts, since those passwords may pass over the internet un-encrypted and can be intercepted by others.

E-MAIL

Vanderbilt University’s primary method of all communication with faculty is via Vanderbilt email accounts. Faculty members are expected to check VU email frequently and not to use non-Vanderbilt email addresses for official mail.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR AND FINAL EXAM SCHEDULES
https://registrar.vanderbilt.edu/calendars/

It is the responsibility of all Blair faculty members to be familiar with the academic calendar and final examination schedules. For convenience, these calendars are available online on the Faculty Tools page of the Blair web site: http://blair.vanderbilt.edu EMS (Blair calendar and scheduling) and the Official Academic Calendar.

BLAIR WEBSITE

The Blair website is your source for Faculty Tools including many forms and documents. Webmaster Kristin Whittlesey posts up-to-date information and pictures for the Blair School.

COMMODORE CARD (FACULTY/STAFF ID CARD)
http://vanderbilt.edu/commodorecard/
Sarratt Student Center, Room 184; 322-2273

The Commodore Card ID provides: access to VU library services; entrance to Blair after building hours (reader located at exterior doors); 10% discount on books/supplies at University Bookstore; free rides on MTA buses, housing assistance and discounts at some area merchants.
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KEYS TO BLAIR FACILITIES AND BUILDING SECURITY CARD READERS
Each faculty member is issued keys to the Blair office/faculty lounge, to their studio, and to classroom AV equipment (if needed). Vanderbilt ID cards (with the magnetic chip) provide building and main office access through the card readers when the building is locked. Blair exterior doors are equipped with card readers. Faculty may use these cards to access the building when the exterior doors are locked. **Key Requests for FACULTY/STAFF:** Send a request via email to the Facilities Manager, Jared Wonderly. Please allow 24 hours for pick up. Requests must be pre-approved by the office of the Dean. Facility keys are not issued to outside groups. Keys issued to faculty are not to be shared with others.

**PARKING AT VANDERBILT**
[http://www.vanderbilt.edu/traffic_parking/](http://www.vanderbilt.edu/traffic_parking/)
Blair Faculty may register for parking through the VU Office of Parking Services. Parking is available free of charge after 4:00 p.m. weekdays and on weekends in the West Garage across from Blair. Enter through the Children’s Way garage entrance.

Spaces marked “Blair permit only” are available to precollege families with registered children ages 5 and under, and are for use only during the child’s lessons. Vehicles parked in Blair lots without a valid permit and vehicles parked in the Fire Lane or in an area not marked as a parking space will be ticketed and towed.

Equipment drop-off at Blair: Park in the Blair lots with emergency blinkers for the length of time necessary for loading/unloading.

**PAYROLL AND HUMAN RESOURCES INFORMATION**
[https://www.vanderbilt.edu/skyvu/](https://www.vanderbilt.edu/skyvu/)
Log into Oracle Cloud and faculty and staff will find information to arrange direct deposit, change address information, see payment history, benefits elected and tax information. For general information about Oracle Cloud, see Catherine McRen, Administrative Manager. For special payroll questions, see the Chief Business Officer, Kathryn Dudley.

**PUBLICITY SERVICES/OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPH**
[https://www.vanderbilt.edu/photoscheduler/](https://www.vanderbilt.edu/photoscheduler/)
To have a studio headshot made for the website and professional use, new faculty are asked to contact John Russell ([john.a.russell@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:john.a.russell@vanderbilt.edu)) to make an appointment for a STUDIO HEADSHOT to be used for Vanderbilt University publicity. If the photos are used for non-Blair purposes, full credit must be given: “Photo courtesy of Vanderbilt Photographic Services, copyright.” Copy Kristin Whittlesey ([Kristin.whittlesey@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:Kristin.whittlesey@vanderbilt.edu)) on all arrangements.

**STUDIO/OFFICE ASSIGNMENTS**
Studio assignments are made annually by the Dean’s office. Changes are made based on the needs of the Blair School as a whole, and are communicated by memo from the Dean. Faculty who share studios are expected to coordinate schedules before arranging students.

**TELEPHONE / VOICE SERVICES**
[https://it.vanderbilt.edu/services/voice/services_vm.php](https://it.vanderbilt.edu/services/voice/services_vm.php)
Studio Voice Mail service is available and encouraged. For assistance, go to the website above.

**Campus calls:** 5 digits only (ex. 322-7651 becomes 2-7651)
**Outside calls:** Dial the number directly, including area code.

**SENDING A FAX FROM THE WORKROOM:** see instructions on the fax machine
BACKGROUND CHECKS
https://cdn.vanderbilt.edu/vu-wp0/wp-content/uploads/sites/305/2019/08/26170840/Background-Check-Policy-for-Vanderbilt-Faculty-.pdf
Vanderbilt University requires background checks every four years for all faculty and staff at Blair. The background check includes: address verification; social security number check; military history; a county, statewide and federal criminal records search; search of sex offender registries; and examination of state and federal debarment lists. All investigations and records are reviewed and handled in a confidential manner and in compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, including the Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA).

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY, AFFIRMATIVE ACTION
https://www.vanderbilt.edu/eeo/
615-343-9336
Loews Vanderbilt Office Building, 2100 West End Avenue, Suite 780
The EEO is Vanderbilt’s equal opportunity and affirmative action office. They provide a range of services that support Vanderbilt’s commitment to fairness, equity, access and respect. They monitor the University’s compliance with applicable equal opportunity and affirmation action laws and regulations. They review discrimination and harassment complaints, provide education and training, and provide religious accommodations, and reasonable accommodations to qualified persons with disabilities.

FERPA (FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT) HTTPS://REGISTRAR.VANDERBILT.EDU/FERPA/
Vanderbilt University is committed to the protection and confidentiality of student education records, adhering closely to the guidelines established by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act. FERPA is a federal law designed to protect the privacy of education records, to establish the right of students to inspect and review their education records, and to provide guidelines for the correction of inaccurate and misleading data through informal and formal hearings. The FERPA Tutorial is designed to provide faculty and staff with a base-level knowledge of the rules governing the release of student information:
https://registrar.vanderbilt.edu/ferpa/ferpa-tutorial.php

NONDISCRIMINATION POLICIES
Vanderbilt University has policies to support our “commitment to assuring that every member of the faculty and staff, and every student receive fair treatment.” Those complete policies may be found in the Vanderbilt Faculty Manual. The web link above will direct you to the specific section of the Faculty Manual that enumerates those policies.

VANDERBILT POLICY ON THE PROTECTION OF MINORS
https://www.vanderbilt.edu/riskmanagement/protectionofminorslanding%20page.php
The POM policy is available at the link above. As part of our commitment to protecting minors who participate in programs and are present throughout the Blair building, all Blair faculty and staff must complete a criminal background clearance and take annual training on the Protection of Minors which is found in Oracle Cloud. The Office of Academic Services will enroll you in the Protection of Minors web application once you have a VUnet ID and epassword. Instructions for training and annual training renewal are available at this link. It must be completed within the first four weeks of the semester of hire and renewed every year. Additionally, the information below is on our precollege registration forms and the website.
Vanderbilt University personnel adhere to Tennessee state law on mandatory child abuse reporting to either the appropriate law enforcement agency or the state hotline operated by the Department of Children’s Service. In addition to external reporting, Vanderbilt has a mandatory internal child abuse reporting procedure. If you have reason to believe abuse or inappropriate behavior has occurred concerning a minor participating in a Vanderbilt University program, please consult the program director, or Risk Management (615-343-6601), or report via the Vanderbilt compliance hotline at 615-936-5935. The Tennessee Child Abuse reporting hotline number is 877-237-0004.

**ADDITIONAL BLAIR SCHOOL OF MUSIC PROTECTION OF MINORS POLICIES**

- The parent or guardian of a minor child (under 18 years of age) is responsible for seeing their student to and from the lesson studio at the lesson time.
- For the safety of the student, if a student is more than ten minutes late for the private lesson or ensemble, the parent will be contacted as soon as possible.
- Private lesson instruction is one teacher, one student. Parents are welcome to attend lessons if desired. Parents should notify the teacher beforehand if they wish to attend lessons.
- Please notify the instructor if the student has any medical condition, allergies, situations, or restrictions that would limit or affect the child’s ability to fully participate in lessons and recitals.

**SOLICITATION & FUNDRAISING**

Soliciting contributions for departmental or individual projects without prior approval from the Dean is prohibited.

**TEACHING AT BLAIR**

**ACADEMIC ADVISING**

Collegiate–based faculty must serve as faculty advisers as assigned by the Dean. All collegiate faculty are expected to be knowledgeable about the *Undergraduate Catalog* and the *Blair Student Handbook* and maintain weekly office hours so that students may easily seek advice or counsel.

Those who teach precollege students are expected to be familiar with the policies contained in the *Blair Academy at Vanderbilt Student Handbook* and on the *Blair Academy website*. All are expected to be familiar with the Blair precollege scholarship program and the Certificate Program.

**CLASS ROLLS / ENROLLMENT VERIFICATION**

It is the faculty member’s responsibility to verify the accuracy of ALL their class rolls, EVEN IF THERE ARE NO DISCREPANCIES. The deadline for reviewing class rolls is typically the end of the 3rd week of classes.

**COURSE ENROLLMENT MINIMUMS**

Course enrollments will be reviewed by the Dean’s office prior to the start of classes each semester. Depending on departmental and programmatic needs, in certain circumstances classes may be cancelled due to insufficient enrollment. Group teaching normally requires a minimum of three students. Student groups should be compatible for efficiency.
C.V./PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY REPORT
All full-time faculty members must submit to the Dean an Annual Faculty Activity Report and C.V. for each academic year. The request and electronic link will be sent from the Dean’s office in the fall semester. Adjunct faculty members are invited but not required to submit a C.V. or annual list of professional activities.

CLASSROOM FACULTY TEACHING SCHEDULE
Classroom faculty may request but are not guaranteed preferred days of the week for their class schedule. Over a period of 2 years, faculty can:
- be assured one semester of a Tuesday/Thursday schedule
- expect one semester of a five-day-a-week schedule
- expect 2 terms of either a MWF or a Tues/Thurs schedule.

COMMITTEES & OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES
- Serve on committees as assigned;
- Submit enrollment verification and mid-semester deficiencies (see Class Rolls)
- Keep the administration informed of faculty current address & contact information.
- Respond in a timely manner to administrative requests.
- Attend Commencement at least every fourth year.

EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES:
- Class cancellations by faculty: Faculty who need to cancel a class at the last minute should attempt to contact the students whenever possible (such as using Brightspace to email classes). Faculty should also call the Receptionist so that a notice can be posted on the class door.
- Weather: Blair is not usually closed due to snow or other inclement weather. If travel to campus is in question, faculty and students should use their best judgment when deciding whether to travel.
- Make-up lessons: In all cases, lessons missed by the student may be made up at the teacher’s discretion. Lessons missed by the teacher must be made up.
- Holidays
  The last day before and the first day after official holidays are considered to be the same as any other day on which classes are scheduled. Assignments are made for classes scheduled on these days, and tests may be given on them. Students must take this fact into account in making travel plans.

FACULTY MEETINGS
Faculty meetings are held once a month, on Mondays at 12:40 pm. Full-time faculty are asked to attend all meetings and to notify the Chief of Staff, Heidi Basgall-Favorite, in advance if they must miss. Adjunct faculty are invited to attend and participate. Agendas are posted 48 hours before the meeting and minutes distributed by the dean’s office prior to the next meeting.
RECRUITMENT & ADJUDICATION
  o Participate in recruitment activities as requested by Dean and Assistant Dean/Director of Admissions
  o Fulltime collegiate faculty are expected to participate in all undergraduate admission weekend departmental auditions.
  o Faculty may give sample lessons as part of their recruitment responsibilities.
  o Faculty will interview and audition prospective precollege and/or non-major university students, as assigned by the Department Chair
  o Adjudicate performance examinations, scholarship auditions, recitals (based on departmental needs or as requested)
  o Attend student recitals especially when one’s students perform

OUTSIDE TEACHING
  o The University’s Conflict of Interest and Conflict of Commitment policies govern outside employment by faculty. A faculty member who does outside work, whether as a consultant, practitioner, or instructor, must report that work as part of the COI/COC policy. Private music lessons that are not for a competing entity would certainly be appropriate as long as it did not directly compete with Vanderbilt commitments, measured both by purpose and time required.
  o Adjunct faculty may teach at other educational institutions.
  o All Blair students must be taught in Blair facilities.
  o Blair Academy students under 19 cannot be taught at their home or a faculty member’s home, per Vanderbilt Protection of Minors.
  o If a faculty member should choose to teach privately:
    o The faculty member cannot use Vanderbilt resources to support private lessons.
    o The lessons cannot take place on campus.
    o The faculty member should use a personal email address rather than their Vanderbilt email address to schedule the lessons in order to make clear that they are being hired in their personal capacity rather than as a Vanderbilt employee.
  o Exceptions to these policies require approval of the Dean.

PERFORMANCE FACULTY RESPONSIBILITIES
  o As you schedule regularly weekly lessons with students, the Wednesday 12:40-1:30 p.m. hour is reserved for special events, such as master classes, career workshops, and special information sessions. Do not schedule regular lessons or classes during this time.
  o Coach performance classes
  o Coach at least one orchestra sectional per semester
  o Perform if assigned or desired
  o Notify Kristin Whittlesey of all upcoming concerts, recitals and warm-ups, both solo and ensemble, scheduled at Blair and elsewhere. (Members of the Nashville Symphony need not report NSO activities.) Out-of-town engagements should be reported as far in advance as possible so that Vanderbilt Alumni Associations may be notified if appropriate.
  o Faculty are also asked to report upcoming performances, workshops and student activities away from Blair to the Director of Admissions, to aid in recruitment efforts.
TEACHING AT BLAIR

FACULTY RESPONSIBILITIES, CONT’D

SAMPLE LESSON POLICY
It is the policy of the Blair School of Music that no financial payment and/or other compensation is allowed for giving a sample lesson to a prospective undergraduate student. If a prospective student is invited to live auditions, it is up to the faculty member’s discretion whether or not to allow for an additional sample lesson, still with no fee.

SUMMER TEACHING
- Full-time performance faculty members holding academic year appointments are paid an hourly rate for summer teaching. The rate per contact hour will be issued in a summer contract.
- Faculty who wish to teach University classes during the Summer Session (May Term, First-half, Second-half, or Full Summer Session) should respond to the Office of Academic Services at the time it solicits information about summer teaching. The Dean’s office will consult with departments and determine summer course offerings based on programmatic needs.
- Blair faculty who teach classes during May or Summer Sessions will be paid at a rate comparable for a 15-week semester rather than on a per hour rate.
- Course enrollments will be reviewed by the Dean’s office prior to the start of classes each semester. Depending on departmental and programmatic needs, in some circumstances classes may be cancelled due to insufficient enrollment.

SYLLABI
All faculty are required to post syllabi for each class and all performance instruction in YES prior to the Student Registration period at the beginning of each semester. Collegiate syllabi may be posted on Brightspace. Faculty must also send all syllabi to the Blair receptionist each semester. Faculty are required to email and hand out Academy syllabi to each student. All syllabi must state detailed expectations and policies regarding grading, and performance syllabi must detail expectations and percentage values as they relate to the performance examination.

Attendance is an important factor in determining the final grade in a course. Students are expected to attend all sessions of each class in which they are enrolled. See the Blair section of the undergraduate catalog for more information. For university students, the Honor Code is to be considered when dealing with student absences. Faculty are responsible for setting their own attendance and participation policies, including procedures for making up work due to documented absences. A detailed attendance/participation policy must be included in the course syllabus. Faculty are expected to keep careful records of students’ attendance, of any lessons/classes missed by the teacher, and all make-ups.

Students anticipating a serious illness or emergency requiring them to miss classes for an extended length of time must contact the Associate Dean; however, notification by the Associate Dean to individual faculty does not necessarily constitute an excused absence.

Updated collegiate syllabi statements for the honor code, accommodations, hearing protection, Title IX, recording policy, and mental health and wellness are sent to faculty each semester by the Associate Dean.
Blair Academy syllabi must include these statements:

- The parent or guardian of a minor child (under 18 years of age) is responsible for seeing their student to and from the lesson studio at the lesson time.
- For the safety of the student, if a student is more than ten minutes late for the lesson or ensemble, the parent will be contacted as soon as possible.
- Please notify the instructor if the student has any medical condition, allergies, situations, or restrictions that would limit or affect the child’s ability to fully participate in lessons, ensembles and recitals.
- The Vanderbilt University Statement on the Protection of Minors: The care and safety of our students is of primary importance to all at Vanderbilt. All Vanderbilt University personnel adhere to Tennessee state law on mandatory child abuse reporting to either the appropriate law enforcement agency or the state hotline operated by the Department of Children’s Service. In addition to external reporting, Vanderbilt has a mandatory internal child abuse reporting procedure. If you have reason to believe abuse or inappropriate behavior has occurred concerning a minor participating in a Vanderbilt University program, please consult the program director, or Risk Management (615-936-5935), or report via the Vanderbilt hotline at 844-814-5935. The Tennessee Child Abuse hotline is 877-237-0004.
- If a student must miss a lesson, the teacher should be notified as far in advance as possible. If a teacher must miss a lesson, the lesson will be rescheduled. Please see the Precollege and Adult catalog for additional policy information.
- Private lesson instruction is one teacher, one student. Parents are welcome to attend lessons if desired. Parents should notify the instructor beforehand if they wish to attend lessons.
- Ensembles: The parent or guardian of a minor child (under 18 years of age) is responsible for transportation and seeing their student to and from the ensemble rehearsal room.
- Ensembles which include children under 10 years of age (i.e. Training Choir, Youth Strings, Fiddle Frenzy) should have specific drop-off and pick-up procedures clearly specified. Children under 10 should be accompanied by a parent/guardian at all times.

Files of collegiate and precollege syllabi for all Blair courses are available as a resource to faculty and students. Syllabi archives are kept on file electronically; please send syllabi to the Blair Receptionist at the beginning of each semester.
**TEACHING AT BLAIR**

**FACULTY RESOURCES**

**FACULTY APPOINTMENTS AND REVIEW**
Faculty members should refer to the *Vanderbilt Faculty Manual, Part II Appointment and Tenure.*

**LEAVES OF ABSENCE**
In matters of leaves of absence the policy of the Blair School of Music is consistent with that of Vanderbilt University, as stipulated in the *Vanderbilt Faculty Manual.*
https://www.vanderbilt.edu/faculty-manual/part-vi-faculty-benefits/ch4-leaves-of-absence/

**RESIGNATION**
In matters of resignation the policy of the Blair School of Music is consistent with that of Vanderbilt University, as stipulated in the *Vanderbilt Faculty Manual.* A faculty member may terminate an appointment effective at the end of an academic year, provided that they give notice in writing as early as possible, preferably before March 1. Faculty members not on academic-year appointments should give notice in writing at least four months prior to the date on which they wish their appointment to terminate. Faculty members resigning tenure appointments are expected to give at least six months’ notice. Waivers of notice periods may be negotiated by express consent of both parties.

**PROFESSIONAL TRAVEL**
Professional Travel on behalf of the Vanderbilt Blair School must be booked through Concur/World Travel Services so that Vanderbilt knows where every employee is physically in the event of an emergency. Examples of this include if someone has to be evacuated due to a personal medical emergency, or must be evacuated due to political unrest/natural disaster in their travel destination country/area. Travel involving absences of a week or more must be approved by the Dean. Instructors must reschedule lessons and notify students, their department chair and the Receptionist.

Currently only domestic travel is allowed without prior approval and all international travel must be approved by the Dean, and then vetted, and approved by travel@vanderbilt.edu. The travel team works with RIM and Global Safety to vet all international travel plans, and will make recommendation to the international traveler regarding additional insurance, medical or otherwise, that they may be required to purchase.

All international travelers at Vanderbilt should make the following three health- and safety-related preparations before leaving Vanderbilt. For detailed information on travel safety and security please see: https://www.vanderbilt.edu/global/health-safety/. Faculty traveling with students should also contact the Office of Global Safety (https://www.vanderbilt.edu/global/global-safety/) or 615-343-3139.

1. Ensure you have coverage from Vanderbilt’s international health insurance:
https://www.vanderbilt.edu/geo/safety-security/#insurance
2. Arrange for a travel health consultation with a medical provider; Vanderbilt Occupational Health Clinic provides pre-travel consultations for faculty and staff.
3. Register your travel with the University’s travel assistance partner. Faculty, staff, and students making flight arrangements through the university’s travel agency are automatically enrolled.
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It is also highly recommended that you register with the embassy of your host country. US citizens will register with the Department of State’s Smart Traveler Enrollment Program, Travel Assistance (VIRT): Vanderbilt Incident Response for Travel is a 24/7 service to aid community members who need health and safety assistance overseas: dial +1 615-322-2745. International SOS offers excellent safety information on its Vanderbilt web portal. In a non-emergency situation, email virt@vanderbilt.edu. Faculty and staff who book travel Concur/World Travel Services as required by university policy are automatically registered.

**Internal Funding Programs**  https://www.vanderbilt.edu/provost/internal-funding-programs.php
The university’s funding programs help faculty enhance their careers. This brochure describes the wide variety of possible grants and micro-grants. Application deadlines vary.

**Vanderbilt Office for Research**  https://research.vanderbilt.edu/for-researchers/
Assists faculty and others in obtaining grants and contracts from federal, state and local governments, and private sector funding. All applications for government or foundation support must be cleared through this office. The office is available to help identify potential sources of funding for specific projects such as concert touring, recording projects, and solo recitals, and can also provide advice on the preparation of grant applications, including budget preparation and application forms. Blair faculty should work with the Chief Business Officer once a grant has been obtained.

**Vanderbilt Global Office**  http://www.vanderbilt.edu/global/
310 25th Avenue South, Suite 109
The Global Office offers resources or contacts relating to global research, learning, and safety.

**Vanderbilt Tuition Discount**
Educational benefits are available for the employee’s dependent children when the employee is at least twenty-one (21) years old and he/she has been employed full-time for the past five continuous years in a regular or term position at Vanderbilt (or any other accredited college or university, with no break-in-service greater than three (3) continuous months duration). The benefit begins the semester following five years of continuous service. Complete information:
https://www.vanderbilt.edu/faculty-manual/part-vi-faculty-benefits/ch3-other-benefits/
https://hr.vanderbilt.edu/policies/dependent-tuition-assistance.php
LOST & FOUND
Lost & found objects are turned over to the Blair Receptionist. Objects are kept for several months before being discarded or delivered to local charities.

MAIL/SHIPPING
Incoming delivery
Each faculty member is assigned a mailbox in the main office next to the workroom. Written notification of oversized packages is left in the faculty mailbox, informing where the package is located. Personal mail and packages should be delivered to faculty at home, not the Blair office.

PURCHASING
For routine office supplies: Send a request via email to Jenny Simpkins (jenny.simpkins@vanderbilt.edu) with as much information as possible about the item/s requested.

For Items within current approved faculty or department budget: Send a request via email to jenny.simpkins@vanderbilt.edu with as much information as possible about the item/s requested.

For items above and beyond approved faculty or dept. budget: Discuss the request with the department chair and secure the Dean’s approval, then follow the above procedure.

Reimbursement: Reimbursement for individual purchases requires a written request and authorization from the Department Chair or the Dean. Reimbursement for individuals’ approved purchases must be requested through Oracle.

RECYCLING SERVICES
Recycling is encouraged and receptacles are placed throughout the building.

WORKROOM
The Workroom is located in the main office and houses supplies and office equipment. It is to remain locked after business hours.
- Faculty are to use supplies provided for business use only.
- For assistance with operation of the office equipment, see the Receptionist.
- Photocopy access is obtained by scanning the Commodore card or entering your VUNet ID and e-password. Large print jobs should be sent to Campus Copy or outside printers.
- Copyrighted music must not be duplicated.
- NOTE: Faculty and staff should take care to guard confidential student data in the workroom; printouts and photocopies involving grades and other FERPA-governed information should be under the direct control of the responsible individual.
TEACHING RESOURCES

WORKING WITH STUDENTS

CAREER CENTER
www.vanderbilt.edu/career
The Career Center, located at the Student Life Center, maintains a database for undergraduates on graduate school programs, internships, summer jobs and career opportunities. Students who register their interest in internships with the Center are notified of any that are available.

CENTER FOR TEACHING
www.vanderbilt.edu/cft/
1114 19th Avenue South (19th & Edgehill Avenues); 615-322-7290
The University’s Center for Teaching is an excellent resource for Vanderbilt faculty members. See their website for programs and resources.

STUDENT ACCESS SERVICES
https://www.vanderbilt.edu/student-access/
615-343-9727
Suites 108 & 975, the Baker Building, 110 21st Ave South
Student Access Services provides resources for Accommodations, Notetaking, Technology, and Accessibility. Students may connect to the office by completing the New Student Connection form in the Commodore Access Portal. This portal is the go-to system for connecting with SAS, requesting accommodations, and scheduling any proctored exams.

TUTORING SERVICES
https://www.vanderbilt.edu/tutoring/
Tutoring Services assists students who wish to enhance their academic performance through the power of collaborative learning. Services are free of charge and open to all currently enrolled Vanderbilt students.
Tutoring at the Blair School is housed in the department; students should be encouraged to discuss their needs with the classroom instructor or with the Department Chair. Theory tutoring and theory review sessions are arranged on an as-needed basis by the instructor of the course. MUSL review sessions and group library instruction are a normal part of MUSL instruction in the core and will be described in class and on the course syllabus.

WRITING STUDIO
http://www.vanderbilt.edu/writing/
Curb Center Building (1801 Edgehill Avenue), 615–343–2225; Satellite Office: 217 Commons Center, 615-343-7722
The Writing Studio provides all undergraduate students the opportunity to meet with trained writing consultants to discuss individual writing concerns, from invention, to drafting, to revision.
COLLABORATIVE PIANISTS

Student Pianists

Studio faculty may have their students collaborate with piano majors who are enrolled in collaborative piano. Since there is a limited budget for faculty pianists, some needs must be met by student collaboration. An added benefit is that the instrumental student receives coaching from the piano faculty responsible for the student pianist. Please contact Amy Dorfman and Melissa Rose for further information.

Faculty Pianists

Faculty Collaborative Pianists are available to perform with Blair majors: lessons, juries, recitals, and studio classes. Faculty and students need to plan ahead about their collaborative needs and communicate clearly and thoughtfully with pianists. Pianists are appointed annually by the Dean. Voice students are assigned to faculty coaches by the voice department. The list of pianists and specific guidelines for collaboration with instrumental students is maintained by Melissa Rose. This information is distributed to faculty and students at the beginning of each Fall Semester and updated as needed throughout the year. General guidelines for B.Mus. and B. Mus. Arts instrumental students are as follows:

- Required degree recital: 8 contact hours per recital
- Other studio accompanying, including preparation for juries, studio classes, and student recitals: 4 contact hours, on average, per student per semester
- Additional hours must be paid out of pocket by the student at the pianist’s Blair hourly rate.
- Optional recitals, recordings, and outside competitions are not covered by the Blair budget.

COMPUTERS/BLAIR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT SERVICES

help.it.vanderbilt.edu
blair-it@vanderbilt.edu
Phone: 615-343-9999

All studios and offices at Blair are eligible to receive computers. These will be updated on an as-needed basis. Email Blair IT Services for assistance in purchasing a computer once budgetary approval has been given by the Dean and Chief Business Officer.

For office support please contact Blair IT Services at the above email or telephone. For Classroom AV/Media support, press the “Help Request” button located at the bottom left corner on the touch panel in all classrooms fitted with AV equipment. The system will prompt you to specify the issue closest related to the troubles you are experiencing. For example, “Audio not working”. After making your selection, a splash page should appear indicating that your help request has been sent. At that point, you can press the home button located on the top left of the touch screen. It will return to the normal page where you may resume a/v control functions. You can also call general support at 615-875-9188. If support is not immediately available, please leave a detailed message and your call will be returned as soon as possible.

For more details on IT offerings at Vanderbilt, see the website above. Contact blair-it@vanderbilt.edu for keyboards, mice and other computer hardware. See the Blair receptionist for assistance with printer and copier supplies.
TEACHING RESOURCES

BLAIR CLASSROOM/STUDIO SUPPORT CONT’D.

COURSE EVALUATIONS  
http://www.vanderbilt.edu/course-teaching-evaluations/faculty.php

Vanderbilt follows a standard course and teaching evaluation practice. All academic courses are evaluated, regardless of enrollment. Faculty are encouraged to remind students to bring a mobile device to class and provide class-time for students to complete the evaluations. The questions have been designed to elicit more helpful feedback for both students and faculty. It is important that faculty encourage and remind their students of the importance of the evaluations and their usefulness to faculty members.

All collegiate performance instruction commentary is aggregated together to preserve student anonymity. Faculty members use summaries to improve their teaching; the administration uses them in encouraging faculty development and in decisions involving faculty evaluation and promotion. During week 13 of classes, faculty will receive time sensitive e-mail reminders and instructions, and status listings for each course for which he/she is listed as instructor. Questions regarding setup and status should be directed to the Blair Office of Academic Services. Students evaluate courses during “dead week,” (week 14) ending on the Reading Day before exams begin. To encourage student participation in the evaluation process, it is recommended that faculty allow class time for students to complete their evaluations via their mobile devices. Faculty will have access to evaluation results after all grades are submitted. These results are maintained on the server indefinitely.

EDUCATIONAL MATERIAL RESOURCES

VANDERBILT BOOKSTORE

Textbook ordering is processed online. If you have questions, call (615) 343-8480.

COPYRIGHT CLEARANCE SERVICES (CCS)/CLASSPAKS  
https://www.library.vanderbilt.edu/disc/copyright/clearance.php

Manages obtaining permissions, paying royalties, and keeping records for class-related uses. CCS coordinates with Campus Copy/Vanderbilt Printing Services so that ClassPaks can be produced, and with the Vanderbilt libraries so that electronic reserves or online course readings can be posted. In addition, CCS can clear items for faculty seminars, handouts, and other special uses. Please visit the Vanderbilt Copyright page for more resources and policy information.

COURSE ASSISTANTS

Principles: On-Campus Student Work at Blair is an extension of our educational mission and must be approached with an intentionality that is focused on promoting student success. In that respect, every line manager is either a mentor or indirect model for the student and thus serves as a key stakeholder in the broader educational mission of the School.

A successful on-campus student worker is:

- contributing financially to their academic and personal goals
- developing valuable, transferrable professional skills
- building a greater sense of connection and belonging to the campus
- forging new relationships and creating a network of colleagues, peers, and professionals
- enjoying the flexibility of a line manager who works with their class schedules and values them as students first
TEACHING RESOURCES

BLAIR CLASSROOM/STUDIO SUPPORT cont’d.

Process: Requests for student workers must be submitted to the Dean’s Office via a Redcap survey form. Department Chairs will assist with prioritizing requests based on greatest demonstrated needs in each area. Every request for a student worker must, in addition, articulate **key learning outcomes** for the student and the impact of the experience on any or all of the following areas:

- Recruitment
- Retention
- Time to Degree

If applicable, impact on production of new **Student Credit Hours (SCH)** in any area should be noted.

Timeline for Submissions and Decisions:

- For an appointment in Spring: October 1
- For an appointment in Summer: February 1
- For an appointment in Fall: April 1
- For assignments that are open to new Blair students: July 1

High impact practices:

Experiential learning/direct experience in a work setting, with supervision and coaching from a professional. For example, course assistant status provides an opportunity for those considering graduate school or a career in teaching music to gain experience. The course assistant role could be developed into a role as a peer leader in workshop sessions that supplement the lecture. Studies have found that underrepresented minority groups demonstrate the largest improvement in pass rates with peer-led team learning. A course assistant in a large lecture class helps to facilitate the active learning process.

Departmental letters of award are handled by the department chair. Financial contracts for the students are prepared by the Administrator Manager for finance. Pay rates must have the approval of the Dean. Student assistants will be paid on an hourly basis; students will complete time sheets bi-weekly and will be paid bi-weekly during each semester. Graduate graders are paid in four monthly installments and are not required to file time sheets. Course assistants may request keys related to their work assignments. They must also fill out the key request form, have it signed by applicable faculty/staff and return it to the Blair Receptionist with a deposit.

**Substitute Teachers**

Faculty needing to have lessons or class meetings covered may ask Blair faculty colleagues for assistance. The approval of the Dean is essential if faculty wish to ask non-Blair faculty to substitute for them. **Student teaching assistants may not be asked to teach a class.**
TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT
A cargo van is available for use by Blair faculty, staff, and students for official Blair business and activities. Van use is coordinated by the Facilities Manager. In order to use the Blair van, one must:

- Complete Vanderbilt’s “VandySafe” program.
- Complete the Driver Orientation through the Learning Exchange. The Certificates of completion must be given, along with a copy of the driver’s license, to the facilities manager.
- These are kept on file.
- Complete the consent and disclosure form for Vanderbilt Risk Management. VRM must approve each individual before that person may drive a Vanderbilt vehicle. You may get the form from or return the form to the facilities manager.

Vehicles must be reserved at least one week prior to use. Reservation must be accompanied with the VandySafe certificate. A copy of the certificate will be kept on file for future reference. They keys must be picked up and returned by the documented driver. For assistance, see the Facilities Manager.

TEACHING RESOURCES

GRADING

BRIGHTSPACE
Brightspace is Vanderbilt University’s primary course management system, providing a core set of digital tools designed to support teaching and learning across campus.

Within this secure environment (which requires VUnet ID and e-password) faculty can post syllabi and course materials (including streaming audio), assign tasks, make announcements, check class rolls, and email announcements to all enrolled students.

Support for Brightspace is provided by the Center for Teaching staff. They offer email, phone and drop-in support hours. On-demand resources, including PDF walkthroughs and video guides are listed on the Brightspace webpage. [https://www.vanderbilt.edu/brightspace/brightspace-support/](https://www.vanderbilt.edu/brightspace/brightspace-support/)

YES - YOUR ENROLLMENT SERVICES (UNIVERSITY STUDENTS)
Students and their advisers use this online resource to check all student academic records: class rolls, enrollments, deficiency reports, and to access grade reports; check GPA, order official transcripts. Navigate to YES (http://yes.vanderbilt.edu/) and select Online Grading from the “Applications” listing.

CLASS ROLLS / ENROLLMENT VERIFICATION
It is the faculty member’s responsibility to verify the accuracy of ALL their class rolls, EVEN IF THERE ARE NO DISCREPANCIES. The deadline for reviewing class rolls is typically the end of the 3rd week of classes.
GRADING CONT’D.

GRADE REPORTING
All university student grade reporting will be submitted in YES. The faculty is notified via email as to online grading availability and appropriate deadlines. An online grade change tool is available. See the YES User Guide: [https://registrar.vanderbilt.edu/documents/YES-User-Guide-Change-of-Grade.pdf](https://registrar.vanderbilt.edu/documents/YES-User-Guide-Change-of-Grade.pdf).

MID-SEMESTER GRADES (DEFICIENCIES)
Reporting mid-semester deficiencies gives the Associate Dean and academic advisers helpful information, especially for students who may be experiencing difficulties in multiple classes. It is the faculty member’s responsibility to submit a mid-semester deficiency roster EVEN IF THERE ARE NO DEFICIENCIES TO REPORT. These rosters are typically due no later than the end of week 7. Midterm exams and/or papers should be scheduled accordingly.

Students whose mid-semester average in any course is a C– or below, whose work is incomplete, or who have excessive absences, will receive a deficiency during the eighth week of classes (usually a week before the Friday deadline for withdrawal). The deficiency is posted on the academic record in YES, but it does not appear on a student’s official transcript.

Students who receive deficiency notices must meet immediately with their advisers. Students with two or more deficiencies (and any seniors with deficiencies) must also meet with the Collegiate Associate Dean before the deadline for withdrawal that semester.

GRADING STANDARDS
Assessment of Work
There is no standard grading scale at Vanderbilt. Professors may grade on a curve or set a specific numeric scale, announcing and/or publishing their expectations at the beginning of the semester. The Undergraduate Catalog defines grades as follows:

- A: excellent
- B: good
- C: satisfactory
- D: minimum pass work
- F: failure

In evaluating students, faculty should recognize that the grade of “B” indicates “good” (i.e., above average) work and is assigned to the higher students in a course or in a studio. The grade of “A” defined as excellent, should be reserved for truly exceptional achievement, while “C” is considered satisfactory.

Incomplete Grades
Three types of incomplete grades are used for undergraduates:

- M for a missed final exam,
- I for incomplete in some work other than the exam,
- MI for both circumstances

Regulations in the Undergraduate Catalog apply. Incomplete grades are entered in the final grade roster in YES; a deadline for completion of the work a default grade must be indicated.

GRADE REPORTS
University students and their advisers access students’ grades online via YES. ([http://yes.vanderbilt.edu](http://yes.vanderbilt.edu)). Paper copies are not mailed to parents.

GRADE APPEALS
Grade appeals should arise only rarely; students are responsible for tracking their progress in all of their classes and for becoming familiar with the policies of the course as explained on the syllabus. (Note that
Vanderbilt grading policy is not uniform; rather, it is the purview of each instructor and is stated via the course syllabus. All changes to syllabus procedures will normally be distributed in writing.)

Students may appeal a grade under limited circumstances:
- There was a mathematical error in calculating the grade
- The grade was based on criteria and standards other than those announced on the syllabus
- The grade was assigned based on factors other than student achievement, e.g., prejudice or discrimination. In such instances, the student may wish to consult with the Equal Employment Opportunity, Title IX and Student Access Services offices) and may have recourse to the University’s grievance procedure if the matter cannot be resolved successfully within the school.

A student who wishes to appeal a grade must first discuss the situation with the instructor, normally within 30 days, as specified in the VU Student Handbook: https://www.vanderbilt.edu/student_handbook/student-conduct/#appeals-and-the-appellate-review-board

VUPace (Precollege Registration System) https://vupace.vanderbilt.edu/
Faculty use VUPace to access enrollment records, family contact information, and to report grades.

Precollege Class Rolls/Enrollment Verification
It is the faculty member’s responsibility to verify the accuracy of ALL their class rolls, and not to teach unregistered students. The deadline for reviewing class rolls is typically the end of the 3rd week of classes. Failure to verify class rolls and report discrepancies to the Office of Academic Services before stated deadlines could result in loss of faculty pay.

Precollege Mid-Semester Grades (Probation)
A precollege student whose progress is not satisfactory may be placed on probation for half a semester. If at the end of this period the quality of work has not improved to the satisfaction of the teacher, the student may be dismissed from the school. In the event of a dismissal, no refund will be given. Written notification of the probation must be made by the faculty to the Director and Office of Academic Services, and a letter will be sent to the family by the Director. The probation will be noted in the student’s online record. When the probation is removed by the faculty member, notify the Office of Academic Services and the probation will be removed from the permanent record.

Precollege Grade Reporting
Precollege faculty submit grades using http://vupace.vanderbilt.edu/index.jsp and turn in student grade reports (office copies) to the Blair Office of Academic Services. Faculty are encouraged to give student copies directly to students. If that is not possible, reports may be given to the Office of Academic Services to mail. Deadline to submit grades and reports is 2 weeks after the precollege semester ends. Access via Faculty Tools section of the Blair website.
As stated in “Faculty Responsibilities,” Blair faculty are expected to be familiar with the Undergraduate Academy Catalogs. The Undergraduate Catalog [http://www.vanderbilt.edu/catalogs/] is the legal binding document for all Blair Collegiate students. Information below pertains to all Blair Students (collegiate and precollege/adult) unless otherwise noted.

ADMISSIONS PROCESS
Blair School of Music offers two degrees: the Bachelor of Music degree (majors in integrated studies, integrated studies/teacher education, performance, and composition, and the Bachelor of Musical Arts degree, which gives excellent performers and composers the flexibility to combine in-depth music study with a second focus in a field outside of music. The five-year Bachelor of Music with a major in integrated studies/teacher education leads to a fifth-year program at Peabody College, which additionally earns the Master of Education degree. Students who meet all requirements will earn the B.Mus. degree in four years and the M.Ed. from Peabody College. The 3+2 Bachelor of Musical Arts/MBA Blair-to-Owen program allows a small cohort of particularly motivated students to overlap their undergraduate coursework with work at the Owen Graduate School of Management toward the MBA, facilitating the earning of both the undergraduate and graduate degrees in five years (ten semesters.) Students are selected for all majors on the basis of both the musical and academic profile.

Prospective first-year and transfer students complete and submit the Common Application [commonapp.org], or the Coalition Application [coalitionforcollegeaccess.org] to Vanderbilt University, along with other required materials listed on Vanderbilt’s Quickguide [admissions.vanderbilt.edu/quickguide]. In addition, prospective Blair first-year and transfer applicants must complete a Blair School of Music Application which includes prescreening requirements by January 1 for regular decision/early decision II, or November 1 for early decision I. Select applicants will be invited to audition (or interview, for composition applicants) during one of our audition weekends or the early decision audition day.

Audition and prescreening requirements are posted on the Blair Website. During the audition weekends, faculty representing each program adjudicate departmental auditions and interviews. Regular decision students receive notification regarding their admission to both Vanderbilt University and the Blair School of Music by April 1, and must confirm acceptance with the Office of Undergraduate Admissions by May 1. Early Decision I and II applicants are notified about admission by December 15 and February 15, respectively.

AUDITING COURSES
Performance Instruction
University students desiring performance instruction without credit may register through the Precollege & Adult Program, which provides no record on their university transcripts.

Classroom Courses [https://blair.vanderbilt.edu/academics/audit.php]
A list of approved courses for auditing by VU faculty, staff, and their spouses is available from on the Blair Website. One class free of charge each semester may be audited if the class size and requirements are suitable for auditing. The faculty of record in charge of the course must give approval for the audit.
CERTIFICATE PROGRAM (PRECOLLEGE BLAIR ACADEMY)

Blair awards two certificates - the Certificate of Distinction (advanced performance level), and the Certificate of Merit (intermediate performance level) to select high school seniors who have completed formal programs that encourage excellence in performance, and knowledge of music theory and history. All students are encouraged to participate. The full program description and audition requirements may be found in the precollege section of the Blair website and in the Precollege and Adult Catalog.

High school students are nominated for program admission by departmental faculty after spring scholarship auditions. Nominated students will have achieved at least an upper intermediate level of proficiency in instrumental or vocal study, and demonstrate an eagerness to deeply explore the academic and performance study of music. Nominated students will receive invitations to enter the program. Accepted students will enter at the Certificate of Merit rank. There is no cost for participation.

CHANGING STUDIO TEACHERS (UNIVERSITY STUDENTS)

Students who are requesting a change of studio should discuss the change with the department chair, or with the Associate Dean if the teacher is the department chair. After a resolution has been reached with the department chair, the student is responsible for speaking with the current teacher.

CHANGING STUDIO TEACHERS (PRECOLLEGE STUDENTS)

- Requests for a specific teacher by a new precollege student or parent are honored whenever feasible.
- If a current Blair student and parent feels a change of teachers is needed for the student’s benefit, the parent must first discuss the intended change with the current instructor. After that, the student’s parent should consult with the department chair or Associate Dean before talking with a new teacher. The Associate Dean or the department chair will then inform the potential new teacher.
- Any problems regarding a change of teacher should be discussed with the Associate Dean
- Lessons with more than one teacher on the same instrument must be approved by both teachers.

COURSE LOAD (UNIVERSITY STUDENTS)

A normal course load is 12 to 18 credit hours. Loads outside the norm must be recommended by the adviser and approved by the Associate Dean. All overloads must be discussed with and approved by both the Academic Adviser and the Associate Dean.

As an alternative to an overload (and its associated fees), B.Mus. and B.MusA students may be eligible to enroll in an ensemble for zero credit. Zero credit ensembles count towards the necessary semesters of ensemble experience, but they do not count towards the 80 credits required in music, nor towards the 126 credits required for graduation. Only 1 ensemble for zero credit is permitted per semester. All zero credit ensemble requests must be submitted with this form: https://blair.vanderbilt.edu/pdfs/18-19-zero-credit-ensemble.pdf

DEAD WEEK (UNIVERSITY)

During this period (the week preceding university final exams), no exams, quizzes, or portions of exams may be given to university students without the Dean’s prior approval. Ensemble performances are also prohibited unless approved in writing by the Dean.
DIVISION OF UNCLASSIFIED STUDIES
Precollege or Adult students wishing to receive college credit for any university courses offered through Blair should contact the University Office of Academic Services to enroll through the Division of Unclassified Studies. Students are required to pay Vanderbilt Undergraduate tuition rates, but will receive transferable credit for courses completed.

EXAMINATIONS (PRECOLLEGE)
Class examinations for precollege students are given at regular class times during the last week of classes.

EXAMINATIONS (UNIVERSITY)
Exam schedules are available on the University Registrar’s website: http://registrar.vanderbilt.edu.
The following exam policies extend to all courses, including ensemble performances. Exceptions to any exam policy must be approved in writing by the Dean with at least 2 weeks’ notice given to students:
• Each in-class final exam must be given at the time indicated on the Primary Schedule.
• Alternate Schedule is used only if the instructor decides to give an exam at two times.
• A period of two hours is available for each Blair exam.
• Blair students with two exams at the same time should report conflicts to the Blair Associate Dean.

PERFORMANCE JURIES, ALL STUDENTS

Jury Schedule
• Academy: The last week of each semester in the Academy is devoted to performance examinations (juries) in lieu of lessons. Due to the 16-week Academy schedule, precollege students may have an additional week of class following jury week in the spring.
• Collegiate: The online jury system (http://blair.jury-system.com) is used for collegiate juries during finals week. Please check with your department chair for details.

Exemptions. All students, except adults and those in group piano, are expected to take performance examinations. Very young individuals, beginning Suzuki students and those on very elementary levels are usually exempted. Precollege Honor Scholars perform on the Scholarship Recital in lieu of a jury. An advanced student (either in the precollege or university program) giving a recital during the semester may also be exempted at their teacher’s discretion.

Faculty responsibility. Adjunct faculty members are expected to serve as adjudicators for performance exams for the amount of time comparable to their weekly teaching loads. Full-time teachers serve for all exams, or as long as needed. Panels must have at least three faculty members. During the May and Summer Sessions, performance examinations are given only to University students receiving credit.

Grading Juries
• Academy: Adjudication sheets for Academy students are available on the Blair Website Faculty Tools page by clicking the link to semester reports.
• Collegiate: Upper Division Hearing forms for collegiate students are available on the Blair Website Faculty Tools page by clicking the link to semester reports. Adjudication forms are at http://blair.jury-system.com.
Semester Reports. At the end of each semester after juries, faculty evaluate students’ progress in performance instruction and make suggestions for improvement. These reports should present a thoughtful assessment of each student’s work. It is the primary summary regarding the student’s progress and development with applied instruction.

- Collegiate: Reports are submitted through the Jury-System.
- Academy: Report forms are available on the Blair Website Faculty Tools page by clicking the link to semester reports. Reports and examination adjudication sheets are stapled together. Academy student copies may be mailed by the office if requested. Grades reported in Destiny One are not sent.

Deadline to return Semester Reports to the Blair Office of Academic Services is 1 week after final examinations.

GRIEVANCES (UNIVERSITY)
Written student grievances are governed by the Vanderbilt Student Handbook, where appeal and grievance procedures are spelled out in detail. [www.vanderbilt.edu/student_handbook](http://www.vanderbilt.edu/student_handbook)

The Equal Employment Opportunity, Title IX, and Student Access Services Offices may also be of assistance with grievance procedures. [https://www.vanderbilt.edu/student-access/](https://www.vanderbilt.edu/student-access/)

HONOR CODE
VU Honor system is explained in detail at Fall Orientation for students and is available in the VU Student Handbook: [http://www.vanderbilt.edu/student_handbook/the-honor-system/](http://www.vanderbilt.edu/student_handbook/the-honor-system/) All work at Vanderbilt is done under the honor system. Faculty are required to include specific explanations as to how the honor code is applied in course syllabi. A pledge statement should be included on each exam: “I pledge my honor that I have neither given nor received aid on this examination.”

MINORS AND 2ⁿᵈ MAJORS
Formal admission to the general minor, the performance minor, or the second major is contingent upon a performance audition that meets departmental standards for the “intermediate” or “advanced” level of study. Forms and detailed information are available at [http://blair.vanderbilt.edu](http://blair.vanderbilt.edu).

PRECOLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT (FOR PRECOLLEGE STUDENTS)
Students in many high schools can earn enrichment credit for instruction taken at Blair. Students must fulfill all requirements to the satisfaction of the teacher. Blair instruction for high school credit is coordinated through the Office of Academic Services. The student is responsible for determining his/her eligibility with the individual high school’s guidance counselor.

PROBATION (PRECOLLEGE)
A precollege or adult student whose progress is not satisfactory may receive a deficiency and be placed on probation for half a semester. If at the end of this period the quality of work has not improved to the satisfaction of the teacher, the student may not continue at the school. In the event of a dismissal, no refund will be given. Written notification is made in each case.
SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS

University Students
Students receiving honor scholarships through Blair School of Music must be enrolled full time, taking all assigned music courses, must qualify for class standing, and must maintain each semester minimum grade point averages of 2.0 overall and 2.7 in music. Students receiving the Cornelius Vanderbilt Honor Scholarship must maintain a minimum 3.0 grade point average overall and 3.0 in music each year. Additional requirements may be stipulated in scholarship award letters. Honor scholarship awards are considered for renewal annually. Student work will be reviewed at the end of spring semester for possible renewal for the following academic year. Incomplete grades may adversely affect renewal. A student who falls short of the requirements will normally have the scholarship for one semester of grace, after which, if requirements are still not met, the scholarship will be lost. Students receiving scholarships or grants as part of their financial aid packages (not honor scholarships) must qualify for class standing in order to be considered for renewal each year. Students receiving federal aid are expected to make satisfactory academic progress as outlined in the Undergraduate Catalog. Merit scholarships are only available for 8 semesters; need-based aid may, under some circumstances, be extended beyond 8 semesters. Consult the Director of Blair Admissions for more details.

Blair Academy (precollege) students
PC scholarships require students maintain a “B” average in each course. Full responsibilities are outlined in the Blair Academy at Vanderbilt Student Handbook. Scholarships are not automatically renewed but are awarded for one year only. Each student auditions each year.

PLEASE REFER TO THE UNDERGRADUATE CATALOG FOR THE FOLLOWING AREAS:
http://www.vanderbilt.edu/catalogs/
The Undergraduate Catalog is the binding document that pertains to the student’s degree.

COURSE CHANGES

GRADING SYSTEM

PASS/FAIL OPTION (ELECTIVE)

DEAN’S LIST (UNIVERSITY)

ACADEMIC STANDARDS:

- CLASS STANDING (UNIVERSITY STUDENTS)
- ACADEMIC PROBATION (UNIVERSITY)
- SUDDEN ACADEMIC INSUFFICIENCY
- SCHOLARSHIP STUDENT REQUIREMENTS

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

IMMERSION VANDERBILT

RESIDENCE REQUIREMENT

SENIOR RE-EXAMINATION

WRITING PORTFOLIO

CREDIT BY DEPARTMENTAL EXAMINATION

SOLO RECITALS

RE CITAL ATTENDANCE
ANNE POTTER WILSON MUSIC LIBRARY

BLAIR ARCHIVES AND SPECIAL COLLECTIONS
The Music Library staff strives to preserve the material legacy of the Blair School of Music by collecting faculty publications in all formats. Faculty are encouraged to deposit their books, CDs, DVDs, scores, concert programs, and journal articles in the Music Library. The Library also holds the audiovisual masters for Blair and Peabody performances and streams thousands of concert recordings via the Blair Performance Archive. Staff in the Music Library provide copies of recitals and concerts to performers as requested through an online form. A master list of all faculty publications can be requested at the service desk. In addition, the Music Library houses the Blair School of Music Archives. Faculty are encouraged to submit materials to the Music Library that document the history of the School for long-term preservation.

The Music Library holds a number of special collections and original manuscripts of works by contemporary composers. These cover topics ranging from tango to blues to Appalachian folk music and in formats from manuscript scores to a range of digital and analog sound recordings. Also held are a number of private collections donated to the Music Library by various individuals including the dulcimer virtuoso David Schnaufer, the composer Alfred H. Bartles, and the musician/songwriter John Hartford.

The Music Library boasts a small number of original manuscripts by composers such as Michael Hersch, Alfred Schnittke, and Richard Danielpour. Materials are located both within the Music Library’s permanent circulating collection as well as in closed archival collections, but can be accessed through consultation with Music Library staff. Due to space, a number of music-related special collections are located in Special Collections and University Archives located in the Central Library.

FACULTY LOAN PERIODS
A Commodore Card (Vanderbilt University ID) is required to check out Music Library materials. Cards are available at Sarratt Student Center Room 184.
- General collection materials (Books, media, scores, bound journals) – 365 days
- Reference Books and Reference Scores – as needed
- Laptops, and Umbrellas – 7 days

Faculty members can request items, view lists of loans and holds associated with their account, request delivery of library items to their faculty mailbox, and renew due dates by signing into the library’s catalog. Library materials may be returned at any Vanderbilt Library.

EQUIPMENT
- Audiovisual stations are located throughout the library. The library has equipment for using the following formats: LPs, CDs, cassette tapes, DVDs, Blu-ray, VHS tapes, laserdiscs, 78 RPMs, and reel-to-reels.
- The Music Library seminar room may be reserved online using the University’s EMS system for meetings, group study, listening or review sessions. It seats 10 and is equipped with a podium that can be connected to laptops and mobile devices (via cables or wirelessly via the AirMedia app from Crestron), HDTV, combination Blu-ray/CD/DVD player, and a piano.
- Laptops, MIDI keyboards, headphones, audio and video recorders, microphones, portable chargers, audio interfaces, a guitar and a Theremini are available for checkout by students and faculty on a first-served basis.
• Library workstations are equipped with Finale music notation software. MIDI keyboards can be checked out at the service desk.
• A multi-function copier/printer/scanner is available in the Music Library. Use of the copier requires a VU Commodore Card. Non-VU affiliated users can purchase a copy card for a fee.

STUDY SPACES
The Library offers both group and individual study spaces. Ten private study carrels are available for use on a first come first serve basis. There are ten group study tables distributed throughout the Music Library as well as lounge areas for informal gatherings.

REFERENCE AND INSTRUCTION
The Music Library staff is available in person, by phone, email or online via the library’s “Ask Us” reference service to answer reference questions and to assist with faculty and student research. To schedule a consultation for in-depth research questions, contact the Music Librarian for Education and Outreach and make an appointment. A variety of Research Guides on music topics, including guides for each instrument and voice, are available on the Music Library’s webpage. You can also request a custom guide for your studio or course by contacting Sara Manus.

To stay current on new resources and services provided by the Music Library, visit the Music Library’s web page, Twitter feed, or Facebook page. See contact information above.

All Blair undergraduates participate in an information literacy program. Modeled on the Association of College and Research Libraries’ “Framework for Information Literacy,” sessions are delivered at the point of need and are aligned with the larger instructional goals of each course. Studio instruction sessions covering the information needs of performers are also available on request. Instruction sessions can be conducted during classes, but Sara can also develop online asynchronous modules that can be incorporated into Brightspace. Sessions are also available for non-majors enrolled in music courses and students in the Blair Academy. Myra Jackson Blair Scholars receive an orientation in library research and use each fall.

DIGITAL SCHOLARSHIP & COMMUNICATIONS
Music librarians are available to facilitate collaboration with the Digital Scholarship & Communications staff at the Jean and Alexander Heard Library. This team supports new, interdisciplinary modes of research, discovery, and publication, ranging from geocoding to data citation to open access publishing. Broadly speaking, the scholarly communications team provides support to faculty members in areas such as authors’ rights, data curation, and open access.

INSTITUTIONAL REPOSITORY
The Libraries maintain an institutional repository for Vanderbilt University which hosts scholarly materials produced by the faculty, students, and staff members of a particular school including the Blair School of Music. The Institutional Repository offers a convenient way to distribute faculty preprints, postprints, and published articles online and to share them with students and faculty at Vanderbilt and elsewhere.
**INTERLIBRARY LOAN (ILL)**
Vanderbilt faculty and staff (including spouses) can request materials through Interlibrary Loan. Interlibrary Loan is a service through which library materials not owned by Vanderbilt can be borrowed from other libraries across the globe. Many library catalogs and databases, including WorldCat, a combined catalog of many of the world’s libraries, provide an Interlibrary Loan request feature.

**FACULTY DELIVERY**
Vanderbilt University Libraries offer a faculty delivery program allowing faculty to request materials from other campus libraries and have them delivered to Blair. Delivery directly to faculty mailboxes is usually within two working days. Sign in to the Library Catalog, find the item to be delivered, and use the "Deliver" button to request a loan or copy of the item of interest.

**DATABASES AND OTHER RESOURCES**
The Music Library subscribes to over thirty databases and online resources including streaming audio/video databases and digital scores databases. Most databases can be accessed from off-campus by providing a VUNetID and password. In addition, Music Library staff curate local collections such as The Global Music Archive, a multimedia reference archive and resource center for traditional and popular music and dance of Africa and the Americas, which was created as a collaborative effort between the Blair School of Music and Vanderbilt University libraries.

**COURSE RESERVES**
Per faculty request, Library staff can add selections from print, audio and video resources to Brightspace via Course Readings Lists. Although electronic reserves are preferred, but physical copies of library materials and personal items may be placed on reserve for use within the Music Library.

**PROXY BORROWER LIBRARY PRIVILEGES FOR TEACHING ASSISTANTS**
Faculty members may authorize teaching assistants to check out library materials to their personal account on their behalf. To obtain an application for proxy borrower privileges contact the Music Library.

**MUSIC LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**
The School of Music has a library advisory committee comprised of 4-5 Blair faculty members that works closely with the library director to guide the Music Library’s short- and long-range planning. Students are regularly invited to committee meetings to give input on the Music Library’s collections and services. Contact the Chief of Staff if you are interested in serving on this committee.
REGISTRATION POLICIES

BLAIR OFFICE OF ACADEMIC SERVICES
The primary roles of the Blair Office of Academic Services office are:

- To manage Blair student registrations (including 200+ majors, minors/2nd majors, 900+ university students, and 800+ precollege and adult students)
- To process Blair university student forms and coordinate with the Office of the University Registrar.
- To report accurate records information to the Blair administration, the University administration, and the faculty

BLAIR ACADEMY AT VANDERBILT PRECOLLEGE REGISTRATION
All Academy students must register at the beginning of each semester. Returning students receive course brochures six weeks before the semester begins. New students interview with a faculty member before registering for lessons. Students may register online at http://vupace.vanderbilt.edu or in person.

Blair precollege instruction is designed as a progressive program of study. Consequently, single lessons or classes are not offered except in rare circumstances. If faculty wish to teach less than the full term, approval must be received from the Dean.

TUITION
Tuition is based on a full semester and can be deferred for monthly payment. Credit cards are accepted as a form of payment for tuition fees. Tuition may be adjusted for students entering late in the semester; for new students, adjustments are always made. Refunds are rare, and a written request explaining the circumstances is required. Precollege & Adult rosters are available through VU Pace, the online system. Faculty must report any discrepancies to the Office of Academic Services.

REGISTRATION POLICIES

UNIVERSITY REGISTRATION

UNIVERSITY CREDIT
See Undergraduate Catalog for complete information on credit earned for courses.

Performance Instruction
Students enrolled in individual performance instruction earn 1-2 hours credit depending on lesson length and practice commitment:
- 30 minute lesson/5 hours weekly practice= 1 CR
- 45 minute lesson/5 hours practice=1 CR
- 60 minute lesson/10 hours practice=2 CR
Beginners may not register for more than 1 CR in any performance area.

Zero-Credit Courses
Grades are given for no-credit courses but do not affect the grade point average; the hours do not count towards the degree, but do count in the computation of tuition. For more, see the Undergraduate Catalog.
Ensemble Courses
Any university student performing in any Blair ensemble is expected to register for the course. If the Blair student’s total credit hours exceed 18 hours, the student may petition to enroll for zero credit for one ensemble with approval of the Associate Dean. During the drop period, a student may change enrollment from zero to one credit, but an unregistered student may not add an ensemble after the 10th day of classes.

Advisor Approval Hold Release
All students enrolled in undergraduate schools are required to obtain adviser approval prior to registration. After the student-adviser conference, the adviser will release the advising hold for that student. Although assistance is provided through the advisory system, various publications, and consultations in the academic Dean’s offices, each student is responsible for selecting a program of courses that fulfills all degree requirements.

Course Load
Undergraduate students must have the approval of the Associate Dean of their college or school to take fewer than 12 hours or more than 18 hours in a semester.

Enrollment Verification
Faculty should not teach unregistered students. Adjunct faculty will be paid only for registered students, and only registered students will be included in verified faculty load reports. Faculty with collegiate students must verify the accuracy of their University class rolls in YES, even if there are no discrepancies to report.

Tuition Policy
Tuition covers loads of 12-18 credit hours and is billed by the University Office of Student Accounts. It must be paid prior to the beginning of each semester. For non-Blair students, performance instruction carries a fee in addition to tuition, non-refundable if courses are dropped after the Change Period. (All fees are waived for B. Mus. Degree candidates.) For students with a declared music minor or second major in music, fees are charged at 50% of the normal rate. To be eligible for these reduced fees the declared minor or second major must appear in the Vanderbilt Student Records System by the last day of the Change Period.

Wait Lists
During the Change Period, students may use YES to place themselves on waiting lists of many closed courses. A position on the waiting list does not guarantee enrollment in the course. Each student is responsible for his or her own registration for courses, regardless of who performs the transaction.

Withdrawal Period (Dropping a Class)
After the second week of classes, students may drop courses and receive a grade of W (Withdraw) until the week after mid-semester, as noted in the University calendar. Course withdrawal forms must be completed and filed with the Blair Office of Academic Services. After the withdrawal deadline, students who drop a course will receive a grade of F unless exceptional extenuating circumstances (personal/family crisis or severe and extended illness) suggest that a W grade is appropriate; approval of Associate Dean Melissa Rose is required. During the withdrawal period, students may switch ensembles from zero credit enrollment to for-credit enrollment if room becomes available in their schedule, but students may not add an ensemble after the 14th day of the semester.
CONCERT POLICIES

CONCERT PROGRAMS

Blair’s Department of External Relations is responsible for production of concert programs for the following events:

- Concert Series
- Faculty Recitals
- Blair Ensemble Concerts (Precollege and University)
- Approved Guest Artist Recitals (see pg. 45)
- Junior & Senior Recitals for B.Mus. students (required for degree)

For all other events (including master classes, alumni or other student performances), programs must be produced by the individual faculty member, student, ensemble or group. Any copies for the audience of any outside-produced programs must be delivered to the Concerts Manager at least 24 hours in advance of the event.

PROCEDURES & DEADLINES

THREE (3) weeks prior to the actual date of the concert*:
Send complete information via e-mail, a final, fact-checked version as a Microsoft Word Attachment ONLY (hard copy will not be accepted) to:

- Blair Concerts Manager
- Kristin.Whittlesey@vanderbilt.edu

Complete information includes:

- Short biographies of all performers (300 words or less for program bios)
- Short biographies of all composers
- Complete program repertoire in the order of performance
- Complete program notes

* If the three-week deadline is not met, the faculty or student responsible must produce his/her own concert program. If there are extenuating circumstances, the Director of External Relations may be contacted to see if the department is able to honor a late request. Regretfully, this is rarely possible.

A program proof will be provided to the faculty member responsible for the concert. No later than one week before the performance, the proof must be returned to the Concerts Manager via email (preferred) or with edits in blue or red ink.

PROGRAM PRODUCTION

- Production of programs will be on a first-come, first-served basis
- Production is prioritized according to the date of the concert.

PERFORMANCE HALL POLICIES

GENERAL CONCERT HALL SCHEDULING POLICY

Each event MUST STATE the type of event requested and title of the event - it must be made clear whether this is a Blair Event or an Outside Event on the request form in EMS - or by EMAIL. If there is no specific concert or event listed in the request, it will not be considered a legitimate request and will be sent back to the sender for clarification. Disputes will be directed to the Director of External Relations for resolution.
Rehearsals must be booked ONLY for the specific BLAIR-SPONSORED concert that is booked in the hall. No “FREE” bookings for rehearsals for concerts or events held outside of Blair, unless expressly approved by the Dean.

Release of Bookings - To ensure the accuracy and integrity of this process, no booking in any venue may be cancelled or altered EXCEPT by the person who made the original reservation. The request and confirmation MUST be made with the Scheduling Coordinator. Requests from parties other than the original reservation will NOT be honored under any circumstance.

**INGRAM HALL**
- Primary venue for university and precollege large ensemble concerts, Blair Concert Series, and other premier special event productions.
- Food and beverage are not permitted.
- Seats 609 with pit seats, 551 without pit seats

**STEVE AND JUDY TURNER RECITAL HALL**
Approved uses include: Concerts (concert series, guest artists, faculty recitals, ensemble concerts, studio recitals, precollege certificate recitals, degree-required recitals and any senior recital); Master Classes; Auditions; Daytime Classes; Rehearsals (each concert performance is allowed a total of 2 hours rehearsal time [4 hours for pianists] which MUST be scheduled at time of concert booking)
Outside Vanderbilt and other Not-for-Profit Groups, including those with members of Faculty/Adjuncts/ Accompanists may RENT rehearsal time for outside events at the regular rental rates—subject to availability.
- Weekday Performance - Use is available only after 7pm
- Weekend Performance - Use is available only after 1pm
- Food and beverage are not permitted.
- Seats 272
- Dobson organ Policy for Use: see this webpage for important instructions: http://blair.vanderbilt.edu/events/pipeorgan.php

**CHORAL HALL**
- Approved uses include precollege student recitals and non-required collegiate recitals, small ensemble recitals.
- A multi-purpose facility ideal for master classes, intimate recitals, underclass student recitals, choral rehearsals and large classes
- Equipped with easy-to-use, full-service recording technologies beyond standard AV equipment in other Blair classrooms
- Requests made through EMS scheduling software.
- Rehearsal time is allotted along same guidelines for use of Turner Hall.
- Food and beverage are not permitted.
- Seats 70-75
CONCERT POLICIES, CONT’D.

RECEPTIONS

Any student or faculty hosting a reception must comply with the Vanderbilt Undergraduate Alcohol Policy. In summary, students under the age of 21 may not purchase, possess, or consume alcoholic beverages. No alcohol may be served at any student recital reception.

The designated reception area for events in Turner Hall is the lobby area immediately outside Turner Hall. The designated reception area for events in CHORAL HALL is the “family seating area” just outside the first-floor practice rooms. Please consult the EMS schedule for the day of your event to see if other receptions will precede or follow your event and accordingly so that no recitals are disturbed.

RECITAL POLICIES

FACULTY RECITALS

Faculty may hold a recital in Turner Recital Hall. All Faculty requests to hold a recital in Ingram Hall must be expressly approved by the Dean in writing. Submit a scheduling request via the EMS reservation system. Rental fees are waived for all faculty recitals.

SERVICES INCLUDED

Rehearsal Time:
- 4 hours hall time for rehearsal and preparation (minimum rehearsal booking is 2 hours)
- Additional rehearsal time, over and above the entitled 4 hours, is negotiable for those performers who will be holding a dress rehearsal in show order with technical personnel.
- Rehearsals in Turner Hall must be scheduled at least one week in advance. Rehearsals in Ingram Hall require at least two weeks advance scheduling. Rehearsals will be accommodated as the calendar permits.
- NO technical personnel is provided for rehearsals in Turner Hall EXCEPT by special request at the time of booking.

Concert Time:
- 2 hours concert time,
- 30 minute setup and 30 minutes breakdown
- Audio engineer during concert
- Stage manager during concert
- Concert Program* (see Concert Program Policies)
  Recital audio/video copies may be obtained by visiting the Music Library Blair Performance Archive. Staff in the Music Library provide copies of recitals and concerts to performers as requested through an online form.

DEADLINES*

- Promotional materials: AT LEAST 45 days prior to concert
- Technical Request Form (performers, harpsichord, videographer, etc.): AT LEAST 30 days prior to concert (forms available online via The Blair School of Music website or via email from Director of Technical Services John Sevier. John.Sevier@vanderbilt.edu.
- Concert Program details: AT LEAST 21 (3 weeks) days prior to the concert

* Late materials will not be accepted. Faculty member will be responsible for his/her own program and/or promotions and will receive only basic technical support of a stage manager.
CONCERT POLICIES

RECITAL POLICIES, CONT’D.

GUEST ARTIST RECITALS

LOCATION

All such events and choice of venue must have approval from the Dean before booking.

HOW TO SCHEDULE

Submit written request, including Dean’s approval, to Scheduling Coordinator.

FEES

Fees may be taken out of departmental budgets, or are payable upon conclusion.

SERVICES INCLUDED

- 4 hours rehearsal time in hall (as calendar permits)
- Stage manager during rehearsal and concert.
- Concert program (if guest artist recital is approved by Dean)
- Master concert recording and additional copies may be purchased in USB format from Stage Manager - $5.
- Specially-requested piano tunings are $120.00 per tuning.

BLAIR ACADEMY HONOR SCHOLARSHIP RECITALS

RECITAL MANAGEMENT

Program coordinator Mary Biddlecombe coordinates the Honor Scholarships. Sign-up forms are sent to faculty and students in mid-semester, and the faculty member is responsible for turning in his/her student’s program and collaborative pianist information. Ideal length of piece performed is 5-8 minutes. Students are responsible for requesting a collaborative pianist. Teachers are responsible for instructing students in proper stage deportment.

PARTICIPATION

Myra Jackson Blair Scholarship recipients are expected to perform each semester on one of the three scholarship recitals held at semester end in the fall. The recital may serve as the student jury. In the spring, graduating high school seniors perform on a special recital; all MJB scholars are expected to attend. This recital is not graded.

ATTENDANCE

Students: All students and families performing are expected and should plan to attend the entire recital. MJB Junior students are expected to attend one Scholarship Recital per semester.

Faculty members with students performing are expected to be present at recital to grade all students who perform.

RECITAL PROGRAMS

Programs are generated by Mary Biddlecombe, the program coordinator.
STUDENT RECITAL
(MUSO 1000, FRIDAYS, 12:10-1:00PM)

RECITAL MANAGEMENT
Associate Dean Melissa Rose serves as Instructor of Record for this required course. The Scheduling Coordinator Heather White, manages and coordinates these recitals and their programs.

STUDENT REQUEST EMAILS
Following approval by the major professor, students should send an email to heather.d.white@vanderbilt.edu no later than 10 days prior to the requested recital date. The following information should be included: title, composer, composer dates, all performer names and instruments in score order.

A confirmation of performance date is distributed to both student and the major professor.

PERFORMING
There is a 14-minute limit on each student performance. Extended works may, due to program length, be required to be shortened by the omission of a section or movement. Teachers are responsible for instructing students in proper stage deportment.

ATTENDANCE
Students
Music majors, excepting final semester seniors, are required to register for MUSO 1000, Recital Attendance, and must sign in (swipe their card) to verify their attendance.

Faculty
Faculty attendance is encouraged at student recitals. When their own students perform, the faculty are expected to be present.

RECITAL PROGRAMS
Programs are sent out by email on Wednesdays to all faculty and staff by Schedule Coordinator Heather White.

STUDENT SOLO RECITALS
Requests for hearing, dress rehearsal, and recital bookings must have the approval of the student’s major professor before booking.

LOCATION/TIME
Senior & Junior Recitals, Precollege Certificate Program Recitals
Steve and Judy Turner Recital Hall or Choral Hall

Junior, Sophomore, Freshman, Precollege Recitals (not required for degree or precollege certificate)
Choral Hall
CONCERT POLICIES

RECATAL POLICIES, cont’d.

HOW TO SCHEDULE
During their allotted booking period, students must check the available time slots and submit a Recital Request Form approved and signed by their major professor. Request forms and a list of available time slots can be found on the Blair School website or from Heather White, the Scheduling Coordinator in Room 1199.

SERVICES INCLUDED
- 2 hours rehearsal time (as the calendar allows)
- 1 hour concert time
- 30 minutes setup and 30 minutes breakdown
- Recital Program (for senior recitals and required junior recitals)
- Audio engineer during recital
- Stage manager during recital
- If performers provide a thumb drive, they will receive a concert recording immediately after the recital. Original recordings remain property of the Blair School of Music.
- Additional copies may be obtained by visiting the Wilson Music Library Blair Performance Archive. Staff in the Music Library provide copies of recitals and concerts to performers as requested through an online form.

DEADLINES*
- Concert Program Request form: AT LEAST 21 days before recital in camera ready Word Document. Please submit via email to heather.d.white@vanderbilt.edu.
- Technical request: 30 days before recital (form available via Blair School of Music website or from John Sevier, Technical Director via email: john.sevier@vanderbilt.edu)
- Hearing: should take place and be passed at least 21 days prior to recital. Consult faculty adviser. Hearing form (Download from the Blair website) must be filled out by faculty panel and turned in to Coordinator of Academic Services Rachel Hobbs following hearing.
* Failure to submit these materials by the deadline will result in the cancellation of the recital.

RESCHEDULING
- Students are permitted ONE rescheduling of recital, rehearsal, or hearing. The request for rescheduling must come from the professor. If an additional rescheduling is required, the recital will automatically be scheduled for the “fail safe” date at the end of the academic year, at whatever time is available that day.
- “Fail Safe” Student Recital Date
  No change of the hearing/dress rehearsal/recital schedule will be accommodated within three weeks prior to a scheduled recital, with the exception of cancellation of the event. All changes will be accommodated as the calendar permits.

STUDIO RECITALS
LOCATION
Turner Recital Hall or Choral Hall

HOW TO SCHEDULE
Submit request via the EMS reservation system.
Faculty are welcome to use the recital hall for various recording projects. Information about the equipment is available from the Supervisor of Technical Services. Projects of more than six hours in length must be approved by the Dean.

**STUDENT RECORDING POLICY**
Undergraduate and precollege students will normally be limited to two recording sessions of two hours each per semester. Exceptions may only be made through a special recommendation by a faculty member. Precollege and undergraduate alumni may record in Choral Hall if the room is available.

Recording sessions should be scheduled no earlier than four weeks ahead, which helps avoid late cancellations. They should be scheduled no later than two weeks ahead if an engineer is to be used.

The recording engineer is to be paid in advance. The current fee $72 for up to two hours, then each additional hour is $36.

**SCHEDULING PROCESS**
1. Student checks with Scheduling Coordinator Heather White about possible dates.
2. Student secures faculty approval and makes sure accompanist is available for the target date.
   *Arranging a second-choice date is a good idea, just in case.*
3. Student contacts John Sevier, Director of Technical Services, to arrange for a recording engineer.
4. Having secured agreements with all the necessary parties, student returns to the Scheduling Coordinator. If the desired date is still available, the date may be booked through EMS by the sponsoring faculty member.
5. One week prior to recording, student double-checks all arrangements and pays recording engineer.

Students or faculty who want to hire an independent recording engineer will be charged for a Blair technical staff member to be present during the hours reserved for the recording, if scheduled after 5 p.m. or on weekends.
EXTERNAL RELATIONS AND PUBLICITY FOR BLAIR

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION
Faculty members should submit their personal bios for concert programs and their individual webpages on the Blair website and in the public relations files. Bios for concert programs should be no longer than 300 words total. (You may also provide a longer bio for use on your individual webpage, if you wish.) Updates to bios may be sent at any time and revisions are made on a first-come, first-served basis. Email electronic copy as a Word document to:

- Kristin.Whittlesey@vanderbilt.edu
- juliette.m.anderson@vanderbilt.edu

THE CALENDAR OF EVENTS
The calendar is published in print and on the Blair website each Fall and Spring semester. It lists faculty and performing organization concerts and recital dates, is distributed to mass media, targeted mailing lists and the university community once each semester. Faculty will be contacted by the Director of External Relations regarding submission deadlines for inclusion in each upcoming calendar publication. Email updates are sent monthly, and the calendar is constantly updated on the Blair and Vanderbilt websites.

CALLS FOR NEWS
Periodically, the Director of External Relations will request information from all faculty on their recent accomplishments and those of their current and former students. Please look for these email requests and mailbox notices. Faculty may provide this information at any time to the Director of External Relations.

PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS & MAILINGS
All requests for promotional materials must be made to the faculty member’s Department Chair, who determines if such materials may be done within the department budget.

Other requests for promotional materials may be made by the External Relations office; the priority will be determined by the Director. Requests for such materials should be made by the Department Chair for any events from that area of music performance

Any promotional materials printed about Blair must be approved by the Director of External Relations.

THE MEDIA
The Director of External Relations will submit material suitable for the news media to all newspapers, magazines, journals, community calendars, and radio stations within a 100-mile radius of Nashville, and to Vanderbilt publications as appropriate, but coverage cannot be guaranteed.

*** Faculty are asked not to independently contact the media. ***
**EXTERNAL RELATIONS AND PUBLICITY FOR BLAIR, CONT’D.**

**PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHY**

http://www.mc.vanderbilt.edu/npa/phototracker/

Faculty members should have three to five photographs for publicity purposes in their public relations files, maintained by the Director of External Relations. Faculty may email high-resolution (300 dpi or above) electronic photos (color and/or black and white) to Kristin Whittlesey. To have a portrait made, faculty should submit requests for studio photos online. Please send copies of photos you receive from your portrait session to Kristin.Whittlesey@vanderbilt.edu. Should faculty use these photos for non-Blair purposes, full credit must be given: “Photo courtesy of Vanderbilt Photographic Services, copyright.”

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**OPERATIONS AND FACILITY MANAGEMENT**

**BUILDING HOURS**

When the building is locked, Blair faculty, staff, and university students may use Vanderbilt ID card to access the building at the main Blair entrance on Children’s Way, and the doors on the 24th and 25th Avenue side of the building.

**EMS SCHEDULING (MASTER CALENDAR)**

*Go to the Blair Website and select EMS*

Heather White, Scheduling Coordinator

Blair uses EMS for management of its facility scheduling, including classrooms, performance spaces, rehearsal halls. EMS is the official source for confirming room availability. With EMS, faculty and students can:

- Check availability
- Make reservation requests for Blair activities
- Check status of requests
- Check event dates/times

To accommodate the Schedule of Courses and Registration timelines, all regularly scheduled classroom bookings are reserved several months in advance by Associate Dean Melissa Rose and the Office of Academic Services:

- Fall Schedule is booked the previous January
- Spring Schedule is tentatively booked in July and revised in September.

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**OPERATIONS AND FACILITY MANAGEMENT (CONT’D)**

**EMS AND SCHEDULING**

With the Dean’s approval Blair faculty members may sponsor outside organizations’ use of the facility. A fee schedule and information are available from the Scheduling Coordinator, Heather White.

Outside organizations make reservations directly with the Scheduling Coordinator.

Because demand for use of these facilities is so great, faculty canceling reservations (either for themselves or their students) should immediately notify the Scheduling Coordinator in writing or by e-mail.
DOBSON ORGAN, OPUS 92 USE POLICY (http://blair.vanderbilt.edu/events/pipeorgan.php)

The Dobson organ in Steve & Judy Turner Recital Hall is understood to be for use primarily by the Blair School faculty and by Blair students who are currently studying (or have previously studied) organ. Special provision will be made to accommodate the needs of guest organists formally invited by the Blair School to perform on the organ.

When a Blair School conductor or performer wishes to use an organist from outside Blair as accompanist or as a member of an ensemble performing on a program in Turner Hall, the Blair faculty member extending the invitation should send an email to Associate Dean Seth Soloway, copied to Polly Brecht requesting approval for use of the organ. Once the request has been approved, the host faculty member should communicate with Heather White for all scheduling matters, and with the tech crew to coordinate rehearsal and concert technical needs. All requests for practice time and technical services should be made by the host faculty member, not by the guest organist.

HARPSCICHORDS

Blair is fortunate to have several fine harpsichords among its musical resources. Harpsichord technique is unlike that for other keyboards. Accordingly, use of Blair’s instruments is reserved for those with specific training in playing the harpsichord. Blair’s instruments are available for use by the following musicians: Blair keyboard faculty, students who are studying (or have previously studied) harpsichord, guest harpsichordists performing at Blair. Blair students interested in requesting permission to use the instruments should contact Polly Brecht. Blair’s harpsichords are not available for rental and may not be taken from the building at any time. Under no circumstances should any player attempt repairs or adjustments to an instrument or try to tune it. Problems should be reported to Prof. Brecht and will be attended to as soon as possible.

Scheduling Use of the Harpsichords

The Giuttari is our normal continuo instrument. Use of the harpsichords for performances and dress rehearsals at Blair requiring the moving of an instrument from its usual location is scheduled through Prof. Brecht; requests should be made via e-mail. If the harpsichord is available, the Director of Technical Services will schedule moving and tuning of the instrument as required, and to the Scheduling Coordinator. Requests for use of the instruments for required recitals (junior, senior, etc.) should come from the performer’s studio teacher.

Rehearsals involving the Giuttari harpsichord may take place during a harpsichord student’s regular reserved practice time. Rehearsals, especially those involving guest performers or up-coming recitals by Blair students (or faculty) should be scheduled through the Scheduling coordinator. A move to the performance venue should take place as close to the time of dress rehearsal and performance as possible. When the dress rehearsal and performance are several days apart, the harpsichord must be moved back to its room in the interim. It may not always be possible to provide a harpsichord for every rehearsal requested. Moving is handled exclusively by the assigned tech crew. Untrained faculty, staff, and students must not try to move an on-stage harpsichord.
HARPSICHORDS AND ORGANS

CONTINUO ORGAN
Use of the Bennett-Giuttari continuo organ is also scheduled by Polly Brecht. Contact her to arrange for use. The instrument does not leave the building, and is to be moved only by the technical crew.

PIANO TUNING
Blair School of Music technicians/tuners are coordinated by Jeff Stevens, head piano technician. Pianos are tuned and maintained regularly. Requests for tuning or other problems should be submitted to the head piano technician.

PRACTICE ROOMS
Practice room sign-up is available the second full week of classes each semester, and is coordinated by the Scheduling Coordinator, Heather White. Performance majors may reserve up to 3 hours per day, musical arts majors 2 hours per day. Blair majors are not charged for the use of practice rooms. Reservation schedules are posted on practice room doors. Unreserved rooms are available on a first-come-first-served basis. If reserved rooms are not claimed in the first ten minutes of the hour, they, too, are available on a first-come-first served basis. Practicing is not permitted in the hallways, stairwells, or atrium.

INSTRUMENT LOANS
The Receptionist maintains inventory of all Blair-owned instruments. These instruments may be loaned only to Blair Faculty, who may in turn loan the instruments to their students. The faculty of record for the loan is responsible for the instrument.

OPERATIONS AND FACILITY MANAGEMENT (CONT’D)

LOUNGES
Faculty and Staff Lounge
The lounge, room 1150, hosts casual conversations and the occasional interruptible meeting.

Student Lounge (3rd Floor)
Contains Suzie’s Cafe, refrigerator, microwave, tables and chairs. The Blair Council painted a chalk wall; all are asked to monitor what is written for propriety.

MAINTENANCE REQUESTS
All facility maintenance requests should be reported to the Facilities Manager, Jared Wonderly. Requests include: Heating/cooling malfunctions, Lights needing replacement, furniture malfunctions. After hours, serious malfunctions should be reported to Plant Operations (615-343-9675).

VENDING SERVICES
Suzie’s Cafe - 3rd Floor, Student Lounge;
A quick-service cafe on the VU Meal Plan, offering sandwiches, drinks, and a variety of snacks. Open during Fall and Spring semesters only.

Vending Machines - 2nd floor north side of west wing.
A full listing of Blair School faculty is distributed to all faculty members each fall and is posted at blair.vanderbilt.edu.

ADMINISTRATION AND STAFF

Lorenzo (Frank) Candelaria, Dean
Melissa Rose, Senior Associate Dean, Collegiate Program
Seth Soloway, Associate Dean for Presenting and External Relations
Mary Biddlecombe, Director of the Blair Academy at Vanderbilt
Heidi Bagall Favorite, Chief of Staff
Kathryn Dudley, Chief Business Officer
Catherine McRen, Senior Administrative Officer
Rachel Hobbs, Blair Office of Academic Services
Thomas Crespo, Director of Admissions
Molly Jewell, Associate Director of Admissions
Jared Wonderly, Facilities Manager
Jenny Simpkins, Receptionist/Administration
Kristin Whittlesey, Director of External Relations
Heather White, Scheduling Coordinator
Juliette Anderson, Concerts Manager

Technical Services:
- John Sevier
- Travis Broholm
- Chris Jones
- Sarah Weeks
- Andrew Baptista

ANNE POTTER WILSON MUSIC LIBRARY
- Holling Smith-Borne, Director of the Music Library
- Sara Manus, Outreach and Education Librarian; Jacob Schaub, Music Cataloger
- Michael Jones, Circulation Coordinator; Robert Rich, Reference Assistant

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Virginia Payne, Associate Dean, Development and Alumni Relations
Directs major gift fundraising efforts for the Blair School, working closely with the University’s fundraising operation, and reporting to the Vice Chancellor for Development and Alumni Relations. Coordinates major gift solicitation activities of the Dean, university leadership, and the Dean’s Advisory Circle, including requests for capital needs, scholarships and bequests.

Addie Sullivan, Director of Alumni Relations and Stewardship
Responsible for all Blair Alumni Relations activities, including alumni engagement programs and volunteer recruitment efforts. Manages the school’s donor society, the Patrons Society, and stewardship of precollege endowed funds. Responsible for securing annual gifts at the Patrons Society level up to the major gift level.

Kanya Womack, Development and Alumni Relations Program Coordinator
With the Associate Dean and Director, coordinates all fundraising, alumni relations, and stewardship activities for the Blair School of Music.
Faculty and staff are assigned to committees annually by the Dean. Committees are listed on the Blair website each fall.

**ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE**
Serves as the liaison between the faculty and the Office of Undergraduate Admissions. It is responsible for decisions related to the admission of degree-seeking students and makes recommendations to the Dean regarding certain honor scholarship awards for University students.

**BLAIR ACADEMY EDIB (Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, & Belonging)**

**BLAIR ACADEMY CERTIFICATE PROGRAM COUNCIL**
Determines program policies and standards, adjudicates Certificate Program auditions and pre-recital hearings, and rules on questions not addressed in the Certificate Program official materials. The Certificate Program Coordinator chairs this council, maintains program records, coordinates auditions, and issues the certificates.

**CAREER-RELATED PROGRAMMING**
Blair Faculty and staff representatives, the Career Center, Blair Development and Blair students address “life after Blair” and plan programming accordingly.

**CONCERTO COMPETITION**
This committee organizes and adjudicates the annual spring competition and recital.

**C.R.E.A.T.E COMMITTEE**
Conversations and Resources for Equity, Accessibility, Transformation & Empowerment. This committee curates open-format panel discussions for Blair students, faculty, and staff surrounding issues of significant interest.

**CURRICULUM COMMITTEE**
This committee addresses curricular offerings and related matters. It is responsible for the undergraduate curricula, the 5-year undergraduate/graduate teacher education program jointly sponsored with Peabody, any exceptions to existing procedures and requirements pertaining to those courses of study, and for the preliminary screening of new courses, new programs and revisions to existing course and program descriptions. The committee considers the Vanderbilt University standards at large, and the guidelines of Blair’s mission statement. Proposals as vetted by the Committee are submitted to the Blair faculty for its action.

Proposals are submitted via the form available on the Faculty Tools page of the Blair web site. It should be accompanied by a complete syllabus for the course of instruction or by an extended program description. Curriculum Committee recommendations are distributed to the faculty by email prior to the faculty meeting at which they are to be considered. The committee also facilitates communication between Blair and parallel committees in other colleges within Vanderbilt University.

**DEPARTMENT CHAIRS**
Department Chairs serve for a term of three years and are selected by the Dean in consultation with the Department. In addition to meeting regularly as a committee to address issues pertaining to both the Academy and University programs, the Department Chairs are expected to:
- Represent the area and serve as point of contact for all members of the department.
- Nurture department faculty, with special attention to adjunct faculty.
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Committees of the School (cont’d)

- Convene area meetings as needed.
- Assist the Deans in the scheduling of courses and teaching assignments.
- Organize departmental juries each semester.
- Provide oversight for prospective student placement for both PC&A and collegiate students (including interview process, assessment of teacher availability, etc.).
- Work with Director of External Relations regarding department publicity.
- Provide advisement and consultation for curricular proposals.
- Review collegiate course evaluations of adjunct faculty within the department.
- Participate in recruitment activities.
- Organize and oversee use of course assistants
- Coordinate departmental use of collaborative pianists.

Faculty Review Committee (FRC)
Conducts the review of candidates for contract renewal and/or promotion, evaluating their dossiers, observing classes, and making recommendations to the Dean. The Committee is appointed by the Dean upon recommendation of the Faculty Advisory Council.

Faculty Senate:
Full-time Blair faculty members are elected by the Blair faculty for a three-year term on the VU Faculty Senate. The Senate meets two to five times per semester to discuss matters affecting the entire university community. Each senator is assigned to one of the Senate committees which also works to accomplish Senate business.

Music Library Committee
The Music Library Committee serves as a liaison between the Blair faculty and the Music Library. The Committee coordinates requests for resources, assists with preparation of proposals for special funds, and generally addresses and assists the Music Librarian in further developing Library services.

Student Awards Committees (Refer to Appendix A)
The Blair School of Music provides a variety of awards, honors, and competitions throughout the academic year. Awards for university students are given for excellence in a number of areas; some are voted by the Blair faculty; others are selected by department. Precollege honors are primarily scholarship-based, the Certificate Program Awards and the Curb Concerto Competition.

Student Showcase Committee
The Student Showcase Committee sets policies for the annual Showcase and holds auditions.

Teacher Education Advisory Committee
The Teacher Education Advisory Committee works with the coordinator of the program in implementing the curriculum and requirements of the 5-year Integrated Studies/Teacher Education degree.

Writing Portfolio Assessment Committee (ad hoc)
This committee meets in the spring to assess the seniors writing portfolios, and to select the Martin Williams Award and S.S and I.M.F. Marsden Award winners, which are announced at the Awards Assembly in April.
THE BLAIR COMMUNITY

BLAIR STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

BLAIR COUNCIL
The Blair Council serves to promote students' opinions and ideas and their general collegiate well-being, as well as representing Blair students in the Vanderbilt Student Senate. It sponsors social gatherings for students, presents question and answer sessions for prospective students during Auditions Weekends, plans Senior Recognition Day prior to commencement, plans a variety of social and service activities, and helps to publicize concerts and recitals. It strives to promote social interaction among students as well as between students, faculty, and administrators. Membership in the Council includes four officers, a representative from each class (freshman, sophomore, junior, and senior), and a faculty adviser. Elections are held in the spring (with the exception of freshman representative) and are governed by procedures established by the Vanderbilt Student Government (VSG). Term of office is one year, beginning in mid-spring.

MTNA/TMTA (Music Teachers National Association/Tennessee Music Teachers Association)
MTNA collegiate chapters serve as a connection to the larger established community of long-time music professionals across the country. MTNA/TMTA’s goal is to be the foundation of educational, musical, social and professional experience for music students/teachers throughout their course of formal study, and to help open doors through professional opportunities and career options in the field of music after graduation.

NAfME
The National Association for Music Education is the professional organization for music educators. Collegiate members of NAfME have many opportunities to network with full-time music educators, attend workshops and clinics, and participate in activities that prepare students for careers in music education. Music Education students are strongly encouraged to join. Students have found that the networking opportunities available to them as members can play a significant role in getting job interviews, landing jobs, and succeeding in their careers as music educators after graduation. Amy Alley is the faculty adviser.

PHI MU ALPHA SINFONIA
Phi Mu Alpha is a national fraternity dedicated to developing a sense of brotherhood among musicians and music lovers while encouraging and actively promoting the highest standards of creativity, performance, education, and research in music in America. Faculty advisers are Ryan Middagh, Jeremy Wilson and Brian Utley.

PI KAPPA LAMBDA
The Eta Iota Chapter of Pi Kappa Lambda National Music Honorary Society was installed at Vanderbilt in 1992. Student members are elected in the spring, and inducted at the Awards Assembly in April. President: Prof. Karen Ann Krieger
THE BLAIR COMMUNITY
THE DEAN’S ADVISORY CIRCLE

Made up of leaders in the arts, philanthropists, scholars, and alumni, the Dean’s Advisory Circle serves as the Blair School’s advisory board. Members are:

Dr. Arani Bose
Mrs. Shumita Bose
Mr. Joseph Henry Burnett "T Bone"
Prof. Maria Magdalena Campos-Pons
Mr. Tony Danza
Mr. Robert Freeman
Mr. Bzur Haun
Mr. Joseph Horowitz
Mr. Blake-Anthony Johnson
Mr. John McBride
Ms. Martina McBride
Mr. Paul Vasterling
Mr. Blair J. Wilson

PATRONS SOCIETY

Individuals, foundations, and corporations who provide annual unrestricted support of $2,500 or more are considered members of the Patrons Society. Established in 1981, the organization’s contributions have represented 90 percent of Blair’s gift income.

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APPENDIX A

STUDENT AWARDS, HONORS, AND COMPETITIONS

The Blair School of Music provides a variety of awards, honors, and competitions throughout the academic year. Awards for university students are given for excellence in a number of areas; some are voted by the general Blair faculty while others are selected by department. Precollege honors are primarily scholarship-based; Certificate Program and Curb Concerto Competition are included below.

* Unless noted otherwise, the Awards and Honors below are collegiate; recipients are selected by the faculty in March or April and announcement of recipients is made by the Dean at the final student recital of the year. Winners are listed in the University Commencement Program. Returning performance award winners are invited to perform at the first Student Recital the following fall.

Awards Committee Unless otherwise noted below, this committee oversees the nomination of collegiate students for myriad awards and prizes. An Awards Subcommittee list follows the awards.

ACHIEVEMENT IN TEACHING RECOGNITION AWARD (Retired 2019)
The Achievement in Teaching Recognition Award is presented by the piano faculty to a senior pianist who has demonstrated superior abilities in both private and group teaching. The recipient must intend to teach music professionally in an independent studio, a classroom, or at the collegiate level. The prize is a one-year membership to the Nashville Area Music Teachers Association or the equivalent. Winners are Lauren Pratt (2011), Sarah Barham and Mary Barham (2012), Zachary Polson (2013), Rachel Menscher (2014), Lucas Ferraguti (2015, 2016), Curtis Serafin (2017); Margaret Hinchliffe, Caroline Power, Natalie Vlack (2018.)

ACHIEVEMENT IN TEACHING AWARD (ESTABLISHED 2019)
The Achievement in Teaching Award is presented by the faculty to a senior who has demonstrated superior abilities in teaching. The recipient must intend to teach music professionally in an independent studio, classroom, or at the collegiate level. Recipients: Abbey Fitzgerald (2019)

MARGARET BRANSCOMB PRIZE
This prize is presented to the member of the freshman class judged by the faculty to have the personal and musical qualities which best exemplify the spirit and standards of Blair. Previous recipients: Alex Bingcang, Adam Wead, Lane Summers, Don Dolan, Brandon Brack, Jenny Wade, Tina Lobenhofer, John “Chow” Seymour, Jonathan Chu, Shannon Thomas, Austin Osborn, Abigail Mace, Preetha Narayanan, Peter Cain, Neala Swaminatha, Micah Claffey, Kathryn Moreadith, Benjamin Hart, Jordan Holland, Madeline Myers, Caroline Hart, Shelby Flowers, Luke Witchger, Steven Fiske (2012), Thomas Ridgway (2013), William Woodard (2014), Rama Kumaran (2015), Thomas Faulkner (2016), Matthew Shorten (2017), Jacob Beranek (2018), Owen Ladd (2019.)

SUE BREWER/SONGWRITERS' GUILD AWARD
This award of $1000 is awarded for excellence to a student recommended by the guitar and composition faculties for a student majoring in either area. The award was established by the Songwriters Guild Foundation in memory of Sue Brewer who befriended many of Nashville’s struggling songwriters in the late 1960’s and 1970’s. Previous recipients have included T.G. Engel, Daniel Roumain, Russell Johnston, Kevin Jones, Georgia Stitt, Chris Bingcang, Adam Wead, Andrew Dickinson, Scott Stone, Chris Hughlett, Taylor Jones, Brian Fogarty, Josh McGuire, John Sands, Andrew Dunbar, Gary Shields, Jennifer McNeil, Tyler True, Molly Jewell, Pierce Siebers, Thomas Banks, Drew Silverstein, Ryan Korell (2012), Shelby Flowers (2013), Jonathan O’Hara (2014), Dustin Skenandore and Steven Sloan (2015), Jack Coen (2016), Dustin Skenandore (2017); Annalyse Clark (2018); Nicholas Townsend (2019).
CERTIFICATE PROGRAM (Precollege)
Blair School of Music awards two certificates to high school seniors who have completed formal programs in performance and knowledge of music theory and history—essential elements for development of advanced musicianship. Students are nominated for the program by the studio department, following spring scholarship auditions. Detailed information is available in the Precollege & Adult Student Catalog. Recipient’s names are listed on the Blair website.

UNDERGRADUATE COMPOSITION AWARD
The Undergraduate Composition Award is awarded by the composition faculty to a student of junior or senior status who has made an outstanding contribution to the Blair School’s composition program, through creative output, academic excellence and personal dedication. Given in honor of Sean William Calhoun, B.Mus. 2014. Winners include Jasper Brey, Amy Thompson (2016), Matthew Rafferty (2017); Charles Hackemer (2018); Lila Meretzky (2019).

CONCERTO COMPETITIONS
Collegiate Concerto Competition
Held annually in the spring semester, external (outside Blair) adjudicators select a maximum of three (3) winners. Selected soloists perform with the Vanderbilt Orchestra in the Spring Semester when practical. Students who have previously won the competition are ineligible to participate. Voice students who are cast in lead roles in opera that have curricular orchestra participation will not be eligible to enter the competition in that same year. Memorization is at the discretion of the student’s studio teacher.

Curb Youth Symphony Concerto Competition (Precollege)
Held annually in the Fall semester, external adjudicators select two winners. Selected soloists perform with the Curb Youth Symphony. Students who have won the competition the previous year are ineligible to participate. Memorization is required.

RICHARD C. COOPER/PHI MU ALPHA AWARD
The Pi Delta Chapter of Phi Mu Alpha and Blair School of Music, to remember the outstanding contributions made by Chris Cooper to music at Vanderbilt University, established the Richard C. Cooper Award in 2003. The award winners are selected for their contributions to the student experience of music at Vanderbilt. To be considered for this award, a student must be nominated by a recognized student organization at Vanderbilt University or by any group of ten or more students. Winners of this award include Adam Bernick, Molly Robertson, A&S student Gerard Raiti, Tiffany Fuller, Lisa Bryington, Peabody student Meredith Schweitzer, John Ballard, Ben May, Bobby Tiedemann, Ben Detrick, Matt Clark, Allison Winston, Kevin Burson (2012), Anne Goodrich (2013), Keehun Nam (2014), Emma Jackson (2015), Brian Entwistle (2016), Erin Elgass (2017); Tessa Berger (2018); Julia Culp (2019).

ROBIN NELL DICKERSON AWARD
This award is given by the Voice Department to an outstanding voice major for excellence in performance and scholarship. The award is presented by the Dean at the final student recital of the year. The award honors Robin Dickerson, B. Mus. ’94, and was originally funded by donations and the Voice Majors Association annual fundraising concert, “An Evening with the Stars”. Beginning in 2001 this award has been supported by the Mary Ragland Fund. Previous recipients are Beverly Schneider, Chris Warren, Virginia Dellenbaugh, Jennifer Taylor, Amy Forburger, Andy Westerhaus, Drake Dantzler, Todd Patrick, Lillian Askew, Jennifer Berkebile, Linnette McCloud, Adrianna Bond, Jena Carpenter, Matthew Sen, Victor McMillan, Ben Edquist, Katie Heaton, Jordan Amann (2012), Julia DiFiore (2013), Charlotte Ulrich (2014), Emma Jackson (2015), Danielle Bavli (2016), Melissa Gramling (2017); Luke Harnish (2018); Diana Charlop (2019).
FOUNDER'S MEDAL
The Founder’s Medal is presented at Commencement as a symbol of highest honors in each school of the university. The recipient is named by the Dean after consideration of faculty recommendations as well as grade point averages of the year’s highest ranking graduates. Announcement is made at the final student recital of the year. Recipients have included Molly Sharp, Joanie Neel, Ellen Menking, Bzur Haun, Melody Man, Joanna Myers, Alex Bingcang, Mary Race, Wilson Southerland, Kathryn Janssen, Amy Forburger, Tina Lobenhofer, Chris Walters, Jennifer Bernard, Sarah Seelig, Amy Helman, Daniel Schwartz, Peter Cain, Bobby Tiedemann, Kathryn Moreadith, Johna Smith, Lillian Johnson, Caroline Hart (2012), Shelby Flowers (2013), Mae Mosley (2014), Nora Pertz (2015), Amy Thompson (2016), Mary Grace Johnson (2017); Andrew Sledge (2018), Brigit Fitzgerald (2019), Matthew Shorten (2020), Kaila Geisinger (2021).

ANDREW SANG HAN MEMORIAL AWARD
The Andrew Sang Han Memorial Award was established in memory of Sang Han, a clarinet performance major at Blair from 2012 to 2015. Sang’s dedication to excellence in all areas of performance, from small chamber ensembles to wind symphony and orchestra, as well as the care and consideration he showed his peers, served as an example to his friends and colleagues at the Blair School. Recipients: Keeheon Nam (2017); Liam Glendening (2018); Julianna Darby (2019), Patrick Mills (2020), Martin Knox Randal (2021.)

JEAN KELLER HEARD PRIZE
This prize, the amount variable from year to year, is designed for a string student seeking the Bachelor of Music degree. It is presented by the Dean at the final student recital of the year, following selection by the string faculty. It is awarded for excellence in musical performance. The endowed scholarship fund, established by the Vanderbilt Women’s Club to honor Jean Heard, continues to grow as additional gifts are given to the School. Previous winners have included: Andrea Zonn, Molly Sharp, Jonathan Greer, the Blakemore String Quartet, Karen Oosterbaan, Virginia Rogers, Gardner McDaniel, the Modigliani String Quartet, Alex Bingcang, Karen Oosterbaan, Laura Sewell, Catherine Kolich, Laura Talbott, Carolyn Lucancic, Josh Cheatham, Andy Zabinski, Anna Cromwell, Nick Curry, Holland Phillips, David Torns, Susan Schroeder, Dan Fisher, Sara Schultz, Anne Warner, the Clementine Quartet (Liana Austin, Jonathan Chu, Sara Schultz, and Sarah Boronow) and Shannon Thomas, the Atlas String Quartet (Shannon Thomas, Liza Barley, Jonathan Chu, and Jay Tilton) and the Oriyah String Quartet (Laura Speck, Amy Helman, Angie Spong, and Ashley Walters), Tessa Gotman, David Repking, Emily Mahler, Jay Tilton, Eliza Barley, Alicia Enstrom, Henry Haffner, John Koon, John Concklin, Joanna Felder, Micah Claffey, Christian Marshall, Ellen McSweeney, Timothy Strang, Sophia Arriaga, Andrew Braddock, Jennifer Estrin, Roberto Papi and Anne Suda (2008); Julie Aiken, Sarah Davis, Ben Detrick, Ben Hart and Christopher Lowry (2009); Esther McMahon, Emily Nelson, Mike Rinne, Johna Smith and Eva Walsh, Justin Goldsmith, Kelsey Hudson and Dana Kelley, Ji Hye Chung, Caroline Hart, Tiffany Tieu, Blake Johnson (2012), Ethan Bauer, Nathan Lowry, Erika Pinkerton (2013); Ben Hummel, Alex Kres, Matt Lammers, Ann Yeh (2014), Jake Bray, Elizabeth Drabkin, Mary Grace Johnson, Philip Kettler (2015); Mary Loftus, Daniel Moore (2016); Elizabeth Dubrawa, Evan Bish, Eliza Wong (2017); Sabrina Bradford, Hesoo Cha (2018); Rachel Haber, Meghan Leong, Rachel Prendergast (2019), Emily Monroe, Edward Oh (2020), Kingston Ho, Damon Zavala (2021.)

DELENE LAUBENHEIM MCCLURE MEMORIAL PRIZE IN OPERA
This prize is given to a voice major who exhibits excellence in opera performance. It is presented by the Dean at the final student recital of the year, following selection by the voice faculty, through the Awards Committee. The prize was established in 1998 by alumni and faculty of the Blair School of Music and other friends of Delene Laubenheim McClure, B. Mus. ‘91, whose untimely death foreshortened a promising career in music. The first recipient of this award was Kathryn Janssen,

THE S.S. AND I.M.F. MARSDEN AWARD IN MUSICAL SCHOLARSHIP
Established in 1999 by Sullivan S. Marsden, Professor Emeritus of Petroleum Engineering at Stanford University, this award is designated for an outstanding major paper prepared by a Blair undergraduate in a topic that lies outside the normal core of scholarship. Honors projects, independent study projects, and substantial class papers are eligible for consideration for this award. The Martin Williams and I.M. Marsden Awards/Writing Portfolio Assessment Committee selects winning papers through collective anonymous review by the committee. This committee is also responsible for assessment of B.Mus. writing portfolios. Previous recipients of this award were Blake MacKay, Julie Hunter, Tina Lobenhofer, Johanna Frymoyer (two different years), Jack Rutledge, John Dick, Jr., Jeffrey Benedict, Erin Steigerwald, Lindsey Reymore (2012), Katie Walden (2014), Jack Coen (2015), Selina Magid (2016); Sarah Robinson (2018); Matthew Shorten (2019), Jacob Beranek (2020).

THE ELLIOT ANDAILSA NEWMAN PRIZE

L. HOWARD “ZEKE” NICAR AWARD

EXCELLENCE IN PIANO PERFORMANCE AWARD
This award is given by Blair faculty member Amy Kane Jarman in memory of her mother, June Kane, a 1947 piano performance graduate of the University of Colorado Boulder, and life-long musician. Recipients are Martin (Max) Randal (2021).

EXCELLENCE IN PERCUSSION PERFORMANCE AWARD
Established in memory of James Harrison Griggs, an outstanding percussion major, B.Mus. ‘94, this award is made to a percussion major for excellence in performance. Kevin Rilling and Robert Hill (2012), Allison Havlik (2013), Lucas Polson (2015), Liam Underwood (2016), Nicole Long (2017); Clark

SPIRIT OF BILLY ADAIR AWARD
The Spirit of Billy Adair Award is given to a sophomore or junior who exhibits the qualities of leadership, mentorship, excellence, musicianship, and service within the jazz program at Blair. Recipients: Andrew Gaffey (2019), Joshua Karas (2020), Julia Reda (2021).

STUDENT CITIZEN AWARD
Awarded to the sophomore of junior judged by the entire faculty to have the musical and personal qualities that best exemplify the spirit and standards of the School, especially by sharing their talent and training in music as a service to others. Established by Madeline Myers, B.Mus. ’11, in memory of her father, James Agnew Myers. Recipients: Rachel Miles (2019), Somerset Peede, Lillian Wen (2020), Lucas Legan (2021).

MARK WAIT AWARD
Awarded for academic excellence and exemplary citizenship to a Blair senior with a second major outside of music. The Wait award was created by an anonymous donor in honor of Mark Wait’s tenure as dean of the Blair School. Recipients: Samuel Christensen (2021).

CHRISTIAN TEAL AWARD
This award recognizes a current string student who embodies the collaborative spirit of Professor Chris Teal. Matthew Lammers (2015), Nathan Lowry (2016), Mary Grace Johnson (2017); Evan Bish (2018); Eliza Wong (2019), Hesoo Cha (2020), Isabel Tannenbaum (2021).

THEODORE PRESSER AWARD
In music schools all over the country, the Presser Scholarship is presented to a junior for both musical and academic excellence. At least one-third of the student’s credit hours must be outside of music. The recipient must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.25 or higher and have been named to the most recent Dean’s List. This award, funded by the Presser Foundation to honor the memory of American publisher and musical philanthropist Theodore Presser, is selected by the entire faculty. Previous recipients include: Carol Fisher; Don Walker; Maia Surace; Melody Man; Joanna Myers; Adam Wead; Mary Race; Don Dolan; Dana Durrett; Andrew Westerhaus; Heidi Lauren Duke; Kristin Cameron; Jonathan Chu; Erin Lavin; Krystal Grant; Preetha Narayanan; Peter Cain; Robert Tiedemann; Kathryn Moreadith; Johna Smith; Lillian Johnson; Lindsey Reymore; Rebecca Boelzner; Mae Mosley (2013); Kelby Carlson (2014); Michaela Novakovic (2015); Ryan Bitar (2016); Zachary Kleiman (2017); Gloria Liu (2018); Patrick Mills (2019), Kaila Geisinger (2020), Somerset Peede (2021).

DAVID RABIN PRIZE
This prize, the amount variable from year to year, is awarded to a student enrolled at Blair and is based on excellence in musical performance. The prize is presented by the Dean at the final student recital of the year, following nominations by the Awards Committee and election by the faculty in April. As of 2003 the faculty voted to make previous winners of the award ineligible to be nominated a second time. The endowed scholarship fund, established by family and friends of Dr. Rabin, continues to grow as additional gifts in his memory are given to the School. Previous recipients include: Lisa Springer; Julie Williams; Molly Sharp; Carol Fisher; Joel Schoenhals; Karen Oosterbaan; Mary Race; Alex Bingcang; Don Dolan; Missy Miller; Wilson Southerland; Amy Forburger; Tina Lobenhofer; Jonathan Chu; Shannon Thomas; Jay Tilton; Preetha Narayanan; Matthew Quick; Neala Swaminatha; Jennifer Estrin; Jacob Sievers; Dean Whiteside; Chris Lowry, Caroline Hart; Shelby Flowers; Brian Woods; Matt Lammers (2015); Nathan Lowry (2016); David Rodgers (2017); Lauren Urquhart (2018); Eliza Wong (2019), Hiram Rodriguez (2020), Martin (Max) Randal (2021).
STUDENT SHOWCASE CONCERT
This annual concert appears each Spring as part of the Blair Concert Series. Nomination forms are distributed to department chairs within the first two weeks of the spring semester. The maximum number of nominations from each department is approximately 10% of the student population in each area. Auditions are held approximately one month before the concert and are coordinated by the chair of the Student Showcase Committee. Members of the Student Showcase Committee adjudicate the auditions. Honorable Mentions from the auditions are featured on a Thursday afternoon student recital. A faculty committee plans and executes auditions for the annual concert.

SIGMA ALPHA IOTA COLLEGE HONOR AWARD
Established in 2000, this award is given annually to the most outstanding member of the chapter based on scholarship, musicianship, participation in school activities, and contribution to the fraternity chapter. Previous winners include Kiley Swicegood, Somerlie Aston, Amanda Martin, Laura Moye, Erin Lavin, Cassandra Keiser, Christina Thompson, Abigail Wilensky, Devri DePriest, Brittany Cooper, Mary Hewlett, Lara Pitts, Laura Kaufman, Diana Joiner, Rebecca Tarby, Sarah Heilman, Danielle Hoisington, Maria Servodidio, Tessa Berger, Sarah Bronchetti, Rachel Haber, Kaila Geisinger.

SIGMA ALPHA IOTA SCHOLASTIC AWARD
Established in 2000 this award is given to the graduating senior who has attained the highest scholastic average during her college years. Previous winners were Colette Gagnon, Tina Lobenhofer, Kristin Cameron, Jennifer Bernard, Sarah Seelig, Kelly Winner, Amy Cutright, Anna Caravella, Jamie Kellindorfer, Alina Satterfield, Arreanna Rostosky, Katie Heaton), Lindsey Reymore (2012), Jennifer George, Julia DiFiore, Charlotte Ulrich, Laura Williamson, Lydia Nance, Hannah Johnsrud, Corinne Fombelle, Sarah Clements, Jess Abbattista.

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY SUMMER RESEARCH PROGRAM
This program is designed to enhance joint student-faculty research efforts.

VU GLOBAL SUMMER FELLOWSHIP
The VU Global Summer Fellowship is a competitive, need-based university stipend designed to offset the costs for students enrolling in Vanderbilt-approved, credit-bearing summer study and Maymester programs.

MARTIN WILLIAMS AWARD
This prize is awarded to the Vanderbilt undergraduate student writing the most outstanding paper during the academic year. The award was established in memory of Martin Williams, former director of the Smithsonian Institution’s Jazz Program and Adjunct Professor of Jazz History at Blair. It is presented by the Dean at the final student recital of the year, following selection by the Williams/Marsden Awards Committee. Previous recipients include Russell Johnston, David Katahn, Leah Monder, Laura Talbott, Mary Race, Alex MacKay, Melinda Wilson, Mirabel Torres Rago, John Swicegood, Heidi Lauren Duke, Susannah Osmond, Danny Bowles, Austin Osborn and Ellen McSweeney, Andrew Hard and Bethany Jo Whelan, Laura Richardson, Lindsay Cunningham, Arreanna Rostosky, Shems Frezel, Lillian Johnson, Shelby Flowers, Anna Lester, Rachel Menscher, Michael Zuch, Amy Thompson, Mallory Strom; Lila Meretzky (2018); Brittany Carey Fox and Isabelle Krieger (2019); Whit Fitzgerald (2020), Jason Brauer (2021).

MAGDA AND JULIUS LACHS AWARD
Established in honor of Magda Lachs in 2008, this award is made to an outstanding voice or orchestra student who participated in the current year’s Vanderbilt Opera Theater production. Winners have been Tierney Bamrick, Preston Orr, Ben Edquist, Steven Fiske, Emily Neil (2013), Julia DiFiore (2014),

MICHELSON COLLABORATIVE ARTS AWARD

THE BLAIR VOLUNTEER SERVICE THROUGH MUSIC AWARD

APPENDIX B.1
COLLEGIATE SCHOLARSHIPS

Need-based Scholarships for university students are handled through Vanderbilt's financial aid office. Music merit scholarships funded by Blair are awarded by the Dean, upon recommendation of the departments, and are based on an applicant’s audition and accompanying academic profile. They are renewable annually, as long as academic requirements are met, the student maintains full-time status as a Blair major in good academic standing, and are enrolled in the appropriate large ensemble each semester (regardless of degree requirements). Generally, these awards increase proportionately each year as tuition increases. Music merit scholarships become part of a student's financial aid package if need-based aid is awarded. Need-based grants are awarded by the financial aid office; financial aid awards are based solely on the information submitted in the FAFSA and CSS Profile. The financial aid office also certifies students as eligible for the federal Work/Study program. Students interested in a Work/Study assignment at Blair should see the Administrative Manager. Blair students with concerns about financial aid should contact the Undergraduate Financial Aid Office. Questions concerning Blair Merit Scholarships should be directed to the Assistant Dean of Blair Admissions. Non-majors who wish to enroll for performance instruction may arrange to have the cost of lessons included in their package by speaking with anyone at the Undergraduate Financial Aid office, providing proof of enrollment and fee information.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIPS
These awards are given to students who show outstanding academic achievement and strong musical promise.

CHANCELLOR’S SCHOLARSHIPS
These full-tuition awards are given to students who show strong commitment to diversity, leadership, citizenship, and scholarship. The four-year scholarships also include a summer stipend of $5000 for one summer of study, either domestic or abroad. Recipients are selected by a university committee following recommendation of the Undergraduate Admissions Office, and must maintain a 2.5 GPA. If the GPA falls below this, students must attend summer school before renewal of the scholarship can occur.
HSV HAROLD STIRLING VANDERBILT HONOR SCHOLARSHIP
This full tuition scholarship is awarded each year to an entering freshman music major. Selection is made by the Dean upon recommendation of the Admissions Committee on the basis of music and academic achievement and promise. The scholarship is retained for four years of study, assuming satisfactory performance. Recipients must maintain the GPA required of Blair Dean’s Honor Scholars. The four-year scholarships also include a summer stipend of $5000 for one summer of study, either domestic or abroad.

FRANCES HAMPTON CURREY MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP
This scholarship, which was the first endowed honor scholarship at Blair, is awarded on the basis of musical achievement and promise and covers full tuition. Selection is made by the Dean upon recommendation of the Admissions Committee. The scholarship is retained for four years of study, assuming satisfactory performance. Recipients must maintain the GPA required of Blair Dean’s Honor Scholars.

BLAIR DEAN’S HONOR SCHOLARSHIP
These awards are presented to entering freshman music majors and are funded by Blair. Selection is made by the Dean upon recommendation of individual departments. Scholarships are retained for four years of study, subject to satisfactory performance. Recipients must maintain a 2.0 overall GPA, with a 2.7 in music. In addition, scholarship pianists are required to collaborate (in a capacity to be worked out with their major professor); and instrumentalists and vocalists are required to participate in the ensemble program. As part of their scholarship responsibilities, students may be asked to perform for university functions.

ANNE POTTER WILSON HONOR SCHOLARSHIP
Established in 2007 to honor Anne Potter Wilson, this scholarship is awarded each year on the basis of merit to Blair undergraduate music majors.

PETER AND LOIS FYFE SCHOLARSHIP
Established originally for the pre-college program and was redesignated for the undergraduate program in 1994. Awarded to an outstanding music major.

LAURA KEMP GOAD HONOR SCHOLARSHIP
This scholarship, awarded on the basis of musical achievement and promise, covers full tuition. Preference is given to a piano major. Selection is made by the Dean upon recommendation of the Admissions Committee. The scholarship is retained for four years of study, assuming satisfactory performance. Recipients must maintain the GPA required of Blair Dean’s Honor Scholars.

CORNELIUS VANDERBILT HONOR SCHOLARSHIP
This full tuition scholarship is awarded each year to an entering freshman music major. Selection is made by the Dean upon recommendation of the Admissions Committee on the basis of musical and academic achievement and promise. The scholarship is retained for four years of study, subject to satisfactory performance. Recipients must maintain a 3.0 GPA overall and a 3.0 in music. These scholarships are funded by the University. The four-year scholarships also include a summer stipend of $5000 for one summer of study, either domestic or abroad. The Lanier Honor Scholarship is also a CV award. The Michelson Scholars Program is given as a CV award every other year, with only a total of two students at any given time in Blair.

HUMPHREYS SCHOLARSHIP
Established by Jerry Humphreys, this scholarship is awarded to a music major with financial need.
MARTHA RIVERS INGRAM SCHOLARSHIP
Given by Board of Trust President Martha Ingram in 2006, this merit-based scholarship is given for four years to one of the very best academically and musically gifted students in the freshmen class.

INGRAM SCHOLARS PROGRAM
This is a university wide scholarship program. Students are selected as Ingram Scholars on the basis of community service and a continuing commitment to service and scholarship.

WILLIAM W. AND SAIDEE L. JARRELL SCHOLARSHIP
This scholarship was established with a bequest from Vanderbilt alumna Anne J. Seyars to honor her parents, both Vanderbilt graduates. Selection is made by the Dean.

LINDE B. WILSON SCHOLARSHIP
This scholarship was established in 2009 by Blair J. Wilson (B.A. 1974) to honor his wife, Linde B. Wilson (B.A. 1973, M.L.S. 1976), and to provide scholarship support based on merit for deserving undergraduate students at the Blair School of Music.

WILDA T. AND WILLIAM H. MOENNIG JR. SCHOLARSHIP
This scholarship is awarded by the Dean to a string major upon recommendation of the Admissions Committee. The scholarship is renewable for four years of study.

KENNETH L. AND ANNE FOSTER ROBERTS SCHOLARSHIP
Established in 1993 by Kenneth L. and Anne Foster Roberts, KeyBoard and Board of Trust emeritus member, this scholarship is to be used for music students of financial need who have outstanding talent and academic achievement.

DEL SAWYER TRUMPET SCHOLARSHIP
This scholarship, awarded on the basis of musical achievement and promise, covers full tuition. Selection is made by the Dean upon recommendation of the brass faculty. The scholarship is retained for four years of study, assuming satisfactory performance. A new recipient is then selected. Recipients must maintain the GPA required of Blair Dean's Honor Scholars.

WILMA WARD SCHOLARSHIP
These merit and need-based scholarships are awarded on the basis of achievement and performance. They cover half tuition, and are retained for four years of study, assuming satisfactory performance.

GREGORY B. WOOLF SCHOLARSHIP
This partial tuition award is given to a student majoring in composition/theory, upon recommendation of the faculty composers.

OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS
- VU National Merit Scholarship
- Marianne Byrd Scholarship
- Undergraduate Music Scholarship
- Michael A. Geracioti Scholarship (need-based)
- Karin Dale Coble Scholarship (need-based)
Scholarship auditions are held during the spring semester for the following academic year and are adjudicated by faculty committees. Honor and need-based scholarships are available, covering full and partial tuition for private instruction and, in some cases, classes in music history, music theory, accompanying and chamber music during the academic year. Scholarship applications are available in the main office at Blair and on the Blair Web site at http://blair.vanderbilt.edu.

**MYRA JACKSON BLAIR SENIOR SCHOLARSHIPS**
These honor scholarships are awarded annually by Blair School of Music to outstanding high school students and, when appropriate, a few junior high school students who have been recommended by their teachers and who plan careers in music. Auditions, held each spring, are adjudicated by faculty committees. Scholarships cover academic-year tuition for private instruction, classes in music theory and music history, accompanying and/or participation in Chamber Music. Optional classes in Musicianship and Alexander Technique may be covered by scholarship. Myra Jackson Blair Senior Scholars must: maintain at least a “B” average in each subject, perform in one MJB Honor Scholarship Recital each fall, perform or attend the MJB Senior Graduation Recital, perform in one Outreach Recital each semester, and attend at least two faculty, professional or large ensemble concerts each semester. These scholarship students are encouraged to participate in the Certificate Program. Eligible instrumentalists are required to audition for the Nashville Youth Orchestra Program and pianists are expected to take collaborative piano and/or participate in Chamber Music for a total of at least two semesters.

**MYRA JACKSON BLAIR JUNIOR SCHOLARSHIPS**
These honor scholarships are awarded annually by Blair School of Music to outstanding students in Grades 5-7 who have been recommended by their teachers and are serious about their music and musical study. Auditions, held each spring, are adjudicated by faculty committees. Scholarships cover academic-year tuition for private instruction. MJB Junior Scholars must: maintain at least a “B” average in their lessons, perform in one Outreach Recital each semester, attend one MJB Honor Scholarship Recital each semester, and attend at least two faculty, professional or large ensemble concerts each semester. Students entering Grade 8 or above are not eligible for this award.

**MYRA JACKSON BLAIR (SCHNELLER) SCHOLARSHIPS**
These honor scholarships are awarded annually by the piano faculty to outstanding pianists in Grades 4-6. The scholarship was given in honor of Roland Schneller, who began teaching at the Blair School in 1964.

**BLAIRE GUILD SCHOLARSHIPS**
These scholarships are awarded annually to precollege students who show a strong interest and ability in music, scored highly in scholarship auditions, have been recommended by their teachers, and who need financial assistance. Scholarships cover partial academic-year tuition for private instruction.

**JEROME “BUTCH” BALDASSARI SCHOLARSHIP.**
Established by Lelia Sinclair Baldassari in 2010 in honor of her husband, Jerome “Butch” Baldassari, Blair School of Music adjunct professor of mandolin from 1996 until his death in 2009, this scholarship provides partial tuition for precollege and adult students studying mandolin, fiddle, or dulcimer.
APPENDIX B.2

PRECOLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS, CONT’D.

POTTER PRECOLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS
Established in 1994 by the Potter Foundation, these scholarships are based upon demonstrated financial need and significant talent and accomplishment. They provide partial tuition for private instruction and may be awarded on the basis of an audition with Blair faculty or, in some cases, upon the recommendation of an outside teacher. Some Potter awards are made to members of the Blair Children’s Chorus, the Suzuki program and the Nashville Youth Orchestra Program, at the recommendation of the faculty.

NASHVILLE YOUTH ORCHESTRA PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIPS
Full and partial scholarships for private instruction are available to members of the Nashville Youth Orchestra Program. Scholarships are based on the need for financial assistance and/or the needs of the program. Auditions are held in the fall concurrently with orchestra auditions.

WOODWIND SCHOLARSHIPS
Awarded to woodwind students who demonstrate interest and ability, these need-based scholarships provide financial assistance for private instruction tuition.

FOLK INSTRUMENT SCHOLARSHIPS
Awarded following auditions in the spring to students of fiddle, mandolin, dulcimer or banjo, these need-based scholarships provide partial tuition for private instruction.

GILBERT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Established in 1998 in memory of Douglas A. Gilbert, former Blair clarinet student, and his father, Robert J. Gilbert, a lifetime clarinet player and Blair supporter, this scholarship provides partial tuition for a clarinet student with at least one year of study at the Blair School.

MARY MCCLURE HOTCHKISS SCHOLARSHIP
Established in 1987 by the will of Coleman A. Harwell in memory of his aunt, a distinguished pianist and teacher and a native of Lewisburg, Tennessee, this scholarship provides a partial tuition award each semester. Preference is given to a piano student.

DAVID MAZANEC MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Established in memory of David Mazanec, former Suzuki student, this need-based scholarship provides partial tuition for Suzuki violin and cello students in Book 4 or above. Students are eligible to apply after one year of participation in the Suzuki program at Blair.

WILLIAM H. MOENNIG MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Established in 1986 by the family and friends of Mr. Moennig, this scholarship provides partial tuition for private instruction to talented precollege string students.

SAMUEL E. STUMPF, SR. TRUMPET SCHOLARSHIP
Established in 1998 in memory of Dr. Samuel E. Stumpf, Sr., by his family and friends, this endowed scholarship provides tuition for students who are serious about their musical endeavors.

AMELIE THRONE SCHOLARSHIP
Established in 1989 through a bequest from Elizabeth Binford Bergner, this scholarship provides partial tuition each semester for a piano student.

JACQUELINE AND MORRIS WACHS SCHOLARSHIP FOR PIANO AND STRINGS
Established in 2001 by Morris Wachs and family, this scholarship is awarded annually to deserving piano and string students for study at Blair. Scholarships cover partial tuition for private instruction during the academic year.
Academy faculty generally do not participate in the October Break. Faculty should relay any schedule changes directly to their precollege students, and should confirm their studio/office use with their officemates.

Since the many public and private school systems have different spring breaks, Academy Faculty may or may not elect to use the Vanderbilt Spring Break schedule. Faculty should relay any schedule changes directly to their students, and should confirm their studio/office use with their officemates.

**Religious Holidays**

**Vanderbilt Policy Regarding Religious Holidays**

*From the Vanderbilt Student Handbook:*

It is the policy of Vanderbilt to make every reasonable effort to allow members of the University community to observe their religious holy days without academic penalty. Absence from classes or examinations for religious reasons does not relieve students from responsibility for any part of the course work required during the period of absence. Students who expect to miss classes, examinations, or any other assignments as a consequence of their religious observance should be provided with a reasonable alternative opportunity to complete such academic responsibilities. It is the obligation of students to provide faculty with reasonable notice of the dates of religious holidays on which they will be absent, preferably at the beginning of the semester. Students who are absent on days of examinations or class assignments should be offered an opportunity to make up the work without penalty (if they have previously arranged to be absent), unless it can be demonstrated that a makeup opportunity would constitute an unreasonable burden on a member of the faculty. Should disagreement arise over what constitutes an unreasonable burden or any element of this policy, parties involved should consult the department chair, or, in schools without department chairs, the dean of the school.

The Vanderbilt Holy Days Calendar was developed to broaden the University community’s recognition of its diverse religious perspectives. The listing is not exhaustive of all major holy days in every religious tradition and some variances of dates will exist due to regional differences. It was developed based on the Anti-Defamation League Calendar of Observances and additional multi-faith resource guides.

Suspicious behavior should be reported to Vanderbilt Security (Non-Emergency 615-322-2745 or Emergency 911 or 615-421-1911) and during office hours to Heidi Basgall Favorite (2-7660) and Jared Wonderly (3-8415). If faculty file a Police Report, the file number should also be reported to Heidi Basgall Favorite. Community Service Officers patrol Blair frequently during evening hours.

**BUILDING HOURS**
When the building is locked, Blair faculty, staff, and university students may use their Vanderbilt ID card to access the building at the main Blair entrance on Children’s Way, and the doors on the 24th and 25th Avenue side of the building.

**VANDERBILT POLICE**  [police.vanderbilt.edu 615-322-2745 (non-emergency) or 911 Emergency](https://police.vanderbilt.edu)

VUPD provides many services to the members of the VU Community, including assistance with automobile lock-outs & jump starts, Rape Aggression Defense System program, Emergency Planning and Crime Prevention tips. [https://police.vanderbilt.edu/services/](https://police.vanderbilt.edu/services/)

**SAFE VU APP**  [SafeVU app](https://police.vanderbilt.edu/services/safevuapp)
A free mobile app for Android and IOS smartphones that allows students/faculty to connect directly from cell phones to VUPD. Download to contact police, VandyRide, Virtual Walkhome, and more.

**AlertVU**  [https://alertvu.vanderbilt.edu/](https://alertvu.vanderbilt.edu/)
AlertVU rapidly sends messages to the delivery points the user has chosen—cell phone (voice or text), landline, and Vanderbilt email account—in the event of an emergency that poses an imminent threat or danger to the Vanderbilt community. Examples include a tornado or an active shooter.

**VANDYRIDE**
[https://police.vanderbilt.edu/services/vandyride.php](https://police.vanderbilt.edu/services/vandyride.php)  
615-421-8888 (on campus, 1–8888)

The Vanderbilt Police Department administers the VandyRide shuttle bus at Vanderbilt University. The service consists of vans that operate from 6:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. See website for full schedule and route maps. [http://vandyvan.doublemap.com/map/](http://vandyvan.doublemap.com/map/)

**WALKING ESCORTS**
Supplements the vans as a service to all faculty, staff, and students. Call 615-322-2745 for assistance.

**EMERGENCIES**
In case of an emergency which threatens the safety or security of people, buildings, or equipment, please report immediately.

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The fire alarm control box is located in the 1st floor Mechanical room. Plant Operations should be called at 343-9675 and notified immediately if the fire alarm sounds. Office staff will notify Plant Ops of any
alarms sounding between 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Faculty should notify Plant Operations if the alarm sounds at night or on weekends. [https://www.vanderbilt.edu/plantops/](https://www.vanderbilt.edu/plantops/)

**VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY POLICE DEPT: VICTIM ASSISTANCE** [http://police.vanderbilt.edu/services/vicservices](http://police.vanderbilt.edu/services/vicservices)

911 or 615-421-1911 Emergency; Non-emergency 615-322-2745

Offers support for the Vanderbilt community about crime-related issues. Contact them to learn about filing an Order of Protection, to file a police report, and more.

**EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS: GUIDELINES FOR ACTIVE SHOOTER INCIDENT** [http://emergency.vanderbilt.edu/vu/quick-ref-guides/active-shooter/](http://emergency.vanderbilt.edu/vu/quick-ref-guides/active-shooter/)

To help Vanderbilt faculty, staff and students react quickly and appropriately in an active shooter incident, Vanderbilt has developed a training video and website. Please see the website above to familiarize yourself with this information that may save lives. Run, Hide, or – as a last resort -- Fight

**MEDICAL ISSUES AND SERVICES FOR FACULTY AND STUDENTS**

Health is an important issue in performing arts. The muscular complexity associated with music performance makes musicians susceptible to a variety of problems, including joint pain and stiffness, muscle weakness, altered sensation, and other abnormalities which may affect rhythm and pitch.

Overuse syndromes, neurological difficulties, and voice problems are unfortunately common among musicians. Performance anxiety, physical or emotional stress, poor nutrition, general health, and the effects of drugs and alcohol can profoundly influence performance. Videos of Blair presentations on the subject of performing arts medicine are available in the music library. Courses in Alexander Technique, Meditation for Musicians, Yoga, and Tai Chi for Musicians provide an opportunity to learn ways to avoid harm.

Comprehensive medical services are available to Blair School faculty through the programs of Vanderbilt Health and Wellness Services. Also available through Vanderbilt Medical Center is access to physicians interested in performing arts medicine and the unique problems of musicians, access to orthopedic consultation and physical/occupational therapy, and nutrition information.

**HEALTH AND WELLNESS SERVICES FOR FACULTY AND STAFF**

[http://healthandwellness.vanderbilt.edu](http://healthandwellness.vanderbilt.edu)

Vanderbilt Health and Wellness Services consist of four integrated programs that exist to protect and support the University’s most valuable asset: its faculty and staff. Programs include:

- **Health Plus** (fitness facilities, incentive programs, classes)
- **Occupational Health Clinic** (promoting & protecting workplace health & safety)
- **Work/Life Connections-EAP** (Employee Assistance Program)
- **VU Child & Family Center** (child care, elder care, tutoring services, etc.)

**ALLERGIES (615) 936-2727**


Newcomers to the Middle Tennessee area often find that the fall and spring seasons may cause previously undiscovered allergies. Students needing an allergist must first get a referral from Student Health for the ASAP (Asthma, Sinus and Allergy) Clinic at Vanderbilt.
HEARING PROTECTION (615) 936-5000  https://www.vanderbilthealth.com/program/musicians-hearing-center

The Musicians’ Hearing Center of the Vanderbilt Bill Wilkerson Center is an evidence-based clinic committed to offering professional personal hearing healthcare services, promoting public awareness of the potential damage to our hearing as a result of continued exposure to loud sounds, and to providing custom products to audio and music communities in and around Middle Tennessee. Call the number above for an appointment. The main office at Blair has disposable earplugs available at no charge. Earplugs are also available at most pharmacies. In addition, the Hearing Center offers custom products which are made individually for each user. These can only be purchased through the office of a licensed audiologist.

MASSAGE THERAPY  https://www.vanderbilthealth.com/oshers/

There are many qualified massage therapists in the Middle Tennessee area. On campus, the Osher Center for Integrative Medicine offers therapy for an hourly fee. The Osher Center combines traditional medicine with complementary therapies that are proven, safe and effective. It serves in a complementary role for the primary care physician.

THE VOICE CENTER (615) 343-7464  https://www.vanderbilthealth.com/program/voice-center

The Voice Center is part of the Vanderbilt Bill Wilkerson Center. It offers services including singing voice intervention, speaking voice therapy, and speech assessment. Students with Student Health Insurance seeking evaluation at the Voice Center may need to check with Student Health for a referral. The initial Voice Center visit involves a thorough, expensive evaluation; prior consultation regarding insurance coverage is encouraged.

STUDENT OF CONCERN REPORTING FORM

https://cm.maxient.com/reportingform.php?VanderbiltUniv&layout_id=4

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HELPING OTHERS: A GUIDE AND REPORTING TOOL FOR VANDERBILT FACULTY & STAFF

https://www.vanderbilt.edu/studentcarenetwork/helping-others/

The website above offers a checklist of warning signs of severe distress in students, physical and emotional signals of distress, and ways that you may express your concern to the student. A link to the Student of Concern reporting form is found on the site as well.

CENTER FOR STUDENT WELLBEING (615) 322-0480

https://www.vanderbilt.edu/healthyvandors/

The mission of the Office of Wellness Programs is to create a culture that supports the personal development and academic success of students using an integrative, holistic framework. Through various outreach programs and support services, the office focuses on teaching coping skills in order to enhance resiliency.
The Student Care network is a holistic network of services pertaining to health and wellness and it is available to all Vanderbilt students. The primary offices of the SCN are the Office of Student Care Coordination where students are referred to the appropriate agency for assistance. The SCN acts as a triage agent to support the student and refer them forward to either the University Counseling Center, Center for Student Wellbeing, Student Health Center, or in some cases to an outside provider. The SCN is located in Rand Hall, Suite 305.
EDUCATION AND TRAINING RESOURCES
http://www.vanderbilt.edu/healthydores/faculty-staff/education-and-training/

KOGNITO: AT-RISK MENTAL HEALTH FOR STUDENTS
https://www.kognitocampus.com/login
Kognito provides an interactive program that provides faculty and staff with practice that is essential to increasing their confidence and ability to identify and refer students who show signs of depression, anxiety and thoughts of suicide.

TITLE IX REPORTING
https://www.vanderbilt.edu/title-ix/
Vanderbilt’s Equal Employment Opportunity, Title IX and Student Access Services Department
Suite 975, Baker Building; 615-343-9004; titleix@vanderbilt.edu

Any Vanderbilt student, staff or faculty who has been subjected to sexual harassment or misconduct is encouraged to immediately notify law enforcement and/or seek immediate medical attention. VUPD will provide transportation upon request. Faculty are mandatory reporters and must report incidents of sexual harassment, sexual misconduct or power-based personal violence to the Title IX Coordinator. To report sexual harassment, sexual misconduct, harassment, discrimination, or retaliation please use this form: https://vanderbilt.guardianconduct.com/incident-reporting/

In an emergency contact VUPD at (615)322-2745.

Faculty are expected to be familiar with the Sexual Misconduct Policy:
https://www.vanderbilt.edu/title-ix/docs/SexualMisconductPolicy.pdf

Sexual Misconduct Support and Resource Information:
https://www.vanderbilt.edu/title-ix/resources.php

The Blair School of Music desires to establish and maintain a safe, healthy environment. Anyone who believes they have been the subject of a violation of University policy pertaining to matters of sexual harassment, discrimination, or retaliation should contact the Title IX office. Complete information about sexual misconduct policies of Vanderbilt University can be found in the Vanderbilt Student Handbook: http://www.vanderbilt.edu/student_handbook/.

MARGARET CUNNIGGIM WOMEN’S CENTER (615) 322-4843 http://www.vanderbilt.edu/WomensCenter
Offers the same support as above during business hours, 8am-5pm. Can also see walk-ins at their office.

OFFICE OF THE UNIVERSITY CHAPLAIN AND RELIGIOUS LIFE (OUCRL) http://www.vanderbilt.edu/religiouslife
The Office of the University Chaplain and Religious Life (OUCRL) offers many resources to support and care for students of all faiths and religious backgrounds who are grieving or experiencing other types of distress, including questions of meaning and purpose, or spiritual/faith crises. Chaplains are available to meet with students individually or in group settings.

PROJECT SAFE
http://www.vanderbilt.edu/ProjectSafe
Office: 322-SAFE (7233) Victim’s Services: 322-7846

Project Safe is a campus-wide effort aimed at education, prevention and response services for Vanderbilt students, faculty and staff affected by sexual assault, intimate partner abuse, and stalking. There are several different programs and training sessions are available.