



CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, SACRAMENTO

Department of Music

BASSOON STUDIES

The bassoon program at CSUS offers students the opportunity to pursue Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Music and Master of Music degrees in bassoon performance. Excellent facilities are provided for this program, in which the bassoonist may explore a variety of repertoire through participation in the university orchestra, symphonic wind ensemble, concert band, marching band, CSUS bassoon quartet and other chamber ensembles. Through private instruction, group rehearsal, and reed making classes, the program provides intensive study of the bassoon and contrabassoon in preparation for chamber and solo recital performances. The musically rewarding environment at CSUS will expose the bassoonist to the technical skills, musical knowledge, performance experiences and artistic standards necessary to meet the variety of musical demands encountered in the professional world today.

Prior to acceptance into degree programs, students must pass an entrance audition. The following list includes suggested solo works. To discuss other acceptable audition literature, contact Lindsey Bartlett at (916) 278-3903.

Freshmen: Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Music

One etude from Julius Weissenborn: Complete Method for Bassoon

One movement of a concerto or sonata, or one short piece for solo bassoon or bassoon and piano

Two major scales, played two octaves

Junior Level Transfers: Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Music

One fast movement from a Vivaldi Bassoon Concerto

Two exercises from Julius Weissenborn, Fifty Advanced Studies

All major scales

Master of Music

Two studies from Julius Weissenborn: Fifty Advanced Studies or

One etude from Milde: Concert Studies, Vol. 1 or 2

Two contrasting movements from the concerto, or bassoon and piano repertoire

Six major scales, played two octaves

Chromatic scale, three octaves from low C to high C

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