


# Music & Theater

# Careers



**M**usicians may play musical instruments, sing, compose, arrange or conduct groups in instrumental or vocal performances. Musicians may perform alone or as part of a group, before live audiences or on radio, or in recording studios, television or movie productions. While most musicians play for live audiences, some prepare music exclusively for studios or computers.

Actors, directors and producers include stage and screen actors, narrators, magicians, clowns, comedians, impersonators, acrobats, jugglers, equestrians, amusement park entertainers, stunt, rodeo and aquatic performers, casting, stage, news, sports and public service directors, production, stage and artist and repertoire managers, and producers and their assistants. Actors, directors and producers express ideas and create images, based on a script, in theaters, film, television and radio. They “make the words come alive” for their audiences.

## Job Outlook

Overall employment of musicians, singers, and related workers is expected to grow about as fast as the average for all occupations through 2010. Average growth also is expected for self-employed musicians, who generally perform in nightclubs, concert tours, and other venues. Many openings also will arise from the need to replace those who leave the field each year because they are unable to make a living solely as musicians or for other reasons.

Employment of actors, producers, and directors is expected to grow faster than the average for all occupations through 2010. Despite faster-than-average employment growth, competition for jobs will be stiff, in part because of the large number of highly trained and talented actors auditioning for roles. Only performers with the most stamina and talent will regularly find employment.

## Earnings

Earnings often depend on a performer's professional reputation, place of employment and the number of hours worked. Median annual earnings of salaried musicians and singers were \$36,740 in 2000. The middle 50 percent earned between \$19,590 and \$59,330. The lowest 10 percent earned less than \$13,250, and the highest 10 percent earned more than \$88,640.

Median annual earnings of actors were \$25,920 in 2000. The middle 50 percent earned between \$16,950 and \$59,769. The lowest 10 percent earned less than \$12,700, and the highest 10 percent earned more than \$93,620.

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## Educational Opportunities in Music and Theater at LCCC

### *Associate of Arts*

The associate of arts is intended for students who wish to complete the first two or more years of a bachelor's degree program at LCCC in program fields such as:

- Music
- Theater

Students completing the associate of arts degree may transfer with junior (or higher) standing to the four-year university or college of their choice. Students may also select the associate of arts if they wish to complete the first two or more years of a bachelor's degree program at LCCC in program fields such as liberal arts, fine art, computer art, graphic design, business, history, political science, psychology, social work, sociology, urban studies, elementary education and secondary education. There are virtually no limitations to the programs that can be pursued as LCCC can customize associate of arts programs to meet the transfer college/university's requirements.

The associate of arts program may be completed in two years, if taken on a full-time basis. Many LCCC students choose to study on a part-time basis. Students in the associate of arts program complete courses in:

- Economics, geography, history, political science, psychology or sociology
- English, art, humanities, music, philosophy or theater
- Astronomy, biology, chemistry, mathematics, physics or physical science

Students pursuing the associate of arts degree may also select electives, or complement their curriculums, by choosing from such courses as communication, performance, film appreciation, introduction to American cinema, civic and collegiate chorale, civic concert and jazz bands, civic orchestra, fundamentals of music, piano, vocal ensemble, instrumental ensemble, music theory, sight singing and ear training, music history, music appreciation, music as a world phenomenon, introduction to theater, introduction to stagecraft, introduction to lighting, techniques of acting, voice and movement, directing workshop and theater laboratory.

## Related Educational Opportunities through LCCC's University Partnership

### *Bachelor of Specialized Studies (BSS)*

The bachelor of specialized studies is an interdisciplinary degree program designed by an individual student. Although Ohio University offers a wide array of majors and degree programs, some students find that their interests, talents, backgrounds, and goals cannot be addressed by existing programs. The bachelor of specialized studies program provides the means by which a student may, with the help of an Ohio University advisor and consultation with faculty, design his or her degree program.

Among the students for whom the BSS may be an appropriate option are those:

- who want to combine course offerings in different academic departments to create a unique field of study not currently available in established curricula;
- whose educational motivation focuses on realizing their intellectual interests;
- who want to explore areas of study across several colleges;
- who wish to pursue study for a specific career, but in a non-traditional manner;
- and with completed associate's degrees who wish to earn a baccalaureate degree that is a reasonable fit with their earlier academic work.

## About Lorain County Community College

Lorain County Community College is one of Ohio's leading colleges delivering distance learning education via the Internet. The College has expanded its delivery of programs and services through the 2001 opening of the LCCC Learning Center in Lorain. Partnerships with Lorain County's K-12 school districts have also led to important developments for the community. More than 700 high school students participate in the Post Secondary Enrollment Options Program by enrolling in LCCC classes, making LCCC the state's largest community college provider of PSEO. More than 35 percent of Lorain County's top high school graduates choose to attend LCCC.

LCCC is one of Ohio's fastest growing colleges because of the variety of learning opportunities it provides. Students can choose from more than 80 educational programs. Students can complete the first half — and sometimes more — of a bachelor's degree. The University Partnership brings eight universities to the LCCC campus to offering 30 bachelor's and master's degree programs. With the University Partnership at LCCC, the College partners with the state's finest universities to bring the best in bachelor's and master's degree programs right to the LCCC campus. Students can earn degrees that get them jobs immediately. Students can upgrade, retrain and improve current life skills. Students can learn in the classroom, at home and over the Internet.

LCCC offers a complete college experience. We understand that there's more to college life than attending classes. We offer many of the programs, sports, and activities available at large four-year universities and colleges. But, students will not have to stand in line behind juniors and seniors in the classroom, on the playing field, or in leadership positions. Students can immediately act in a play, sing in a musical group, serve as editor for the college newspaper, plan social activities, compete on the playing field, or set policy as a student government member.

In addition to providing a great education for those who enter college with aspirations of a degree, LCCC helps those who have changed their career goals, who want to broaden their horizons, and who want to return to work. LCCC provides learning and training for those who want to move up but find they need new or improved skills for the kind of professional opportunities they seek.

LCCC faculty is recognized locally and nationally for their work as professors and in other areas. They all have advanced degrees and real-world experience and understand their primary responsibility at LCCC is to teach classes. Classes are small. Individual attention is plentiful.

An LCCC education, as the slogan says, leads students into "real jobs and real futures." To find out more, call (800) 995-LCCC or visit LCCC's Connections Center or the LCCC Learning Center in Lorain for all of your enrollment service needs, including admissions, registration, advising and counseling.



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