MUSIC PERFORMANCE
PIANO EMPHASIS

Think with Clarity.
Act with Integrity.
Serve with Purpose.
Dream with Confidence...

AT SOUTHERN NAZARENE UNIVERSITY, WE DON'T JUST BELIEVE IN YOUR DREAMS. WE EQUIP YOU WITH THE BEST EDUCATION WHICH GIVES YOU THE CONFIDENCE TO MAKE YOUR DREAMS A REALITY.

We know you are selecting a college for more than just its location or school colors. You want to go somewhere that will prepare you for the future. Your future. At Southern Nazarene University, we want that for you too. That is why we work hard to make sure our degrees are supported by some of the top curricula available.

We hire highly-qualified faculty who not only know the ins and outs of the profession you seek, but who truly wish to see you succeed individually. And we make sure you leave SNU prepared for graduate school and a great performing career. That's why we can encourage you to not just dream, but to dream with confidence.

Perform a variety of musical literature from classical to sacred to secular.

Whatever your desire in piano performance, SNU has the opportunities for you to thrive. With individualized attention from exemplary faculty like Dr. Mark Reighard, to extensive connections, you will be prepared to perform at any level.

Dr. Mark Reighard mentors our piano performance majors. He is an accomplished composer and pianist who has performed at numerous venues. Simply put, he's second to none. Students love him. You will, too.

WITH INNOVATIVE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FROM HIGHLY QUALIFIED FACULTY

Local concerts and performances are only the beginning for your piano performance debut at SNU. We know that to be able to perform you need to have connections and practice.

While at SNU you could join the Best Semester Program. Here you can study music for a semester in Nashville, learning the ins and outs of professional performance while living and working in community with others.

Professor Ken Rosfeld, has been professionally involved in the recording studio business in Oklahoma City since 1989 and has been a recording business owner since 1995.

Prof. Rosfeld has extensive experience

WITH VERSATILE PROGRAMS
SNU's music program is in one word, versatile. A combination of theory and practice provide a degree that prepares you for a wide range of work. During your time at SNU you will develop a diverse skill set through a number of unique learning opportunities. Enjoy playing one of our two premiere instruments: a Bosendorfer Imperial Grand Piano or our Schlicker tracker organ. Log hours in our state of the art recording studio under a former professional studio owner.
running his own studio and in the design and set up of our recording studio on SNU's campus. His knowledge allows you to interact with a professional recording studio, preparing you for your own future recordings.

Additional out of the classroom experiences include studying in Spain and performing in venues varying from the OKC metro area to Austin City Limits (Austin TX).

**WITH PREPARATION FOR GREAT JOBS AFTER GRADUATION**

Our professors have extensive national and international connections in the music industry to help you prepare for and land in the career of your dreams. You'll have the opportunity to accompany for many different groups and individuals on campus. Dr. Reighard will keep you "in the loop" about those chances to enhance your skills. Some of the best of Dr. Reighard's majors are invited to play a piano duo with him which students say is life changing!

Christy Kiespert earned her Bachelor's degree in Piano Performance with a minor in English from SNU. Currently, Kiespert runs her own piano teaching studio where she teaches piano lessons to about 50 different students ranging in age from kindergarten to adults. Each student takes weekly lessons that range from 30 minutes to an hour and a half, performs for their peers during a monthly studio class and participates in two recitals per year. In addition, Kiespert organizes, plans and teaches a week-long piano camp for students from 1st through 5th grade each summer.

Aside from her teaching piano, Kiespert serves as an active accompanist in two churches each week and in various high school competitions.

“I am where I am today by the grace-filled gifts of God. He provided parents to support and encourage me. He provided the Church as a community of growth and worship. He provided teachers to challenge and stimulate me. He provided SNU as a place to nurture and grow me. He provided me with a husband who shares my love and vision for music. He also provided me with many difficult situations in which I was tempted to doubt His plan for me. But as I acted in trust, He grew my faith beyond what I could have imagined,” says Kiespert. “SNU was an integral part of the journey He had for me. The staff, faculty, and students there were willing to serve Him in ministry as part of their daily interaction with me. In particular, my private piano instructor, Dr. Steve Betts, was a constant source of wisdom and grace. His faithfulness to serve God planted seeds that are still sprouting in my life.”

Kiespert attended the University of Oklahoma and earned an Master of Music Education in Piano Pedagogy.

If a dream is a blueprint of a goal not yet achieved, at SNU we partner with you to focus your efforts to attain whatever it is you hope to accomplish. Thus, we say DREAM WITH CONFIDENCE.