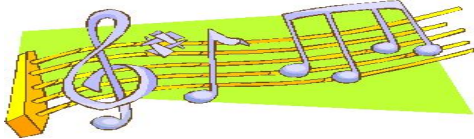




## JOB DESCRIPTION


- Much of the professional life of a musician revolves around practicing, rehearsing, performance, and sometimes recording.
- Freelance musicians might even spend time looking for venues to stage performances.







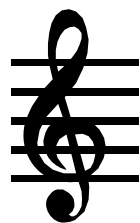
## EXAMPLE TITLES

- Accompanist
- Church Organist
- Guitar Player
- Instrumentalist
- **Musician**
- **Music Teacher**
- Opera Singer
- Percussionist
- **Recording Artist**
- Rock Singer
- Singer Vocalist

## MAIN DUTIES

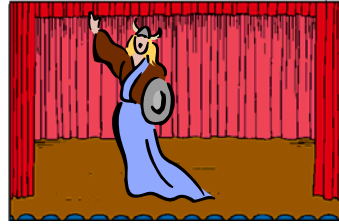
- **Musicians** play one or more instruments as soloists or as members of a musical group before audiences or for recording purposes.
- **Teachers** of music or voice teach technique interpretation and music theory of students through private group lessons.



## WORKING CONDITIONS





- Musicians play in a variety of different places depending on who they're playing for.
- Freelance musicians work whenever and wherever they can. Expect evening and weekend commitments
- When on tour they are always traveling.
- School music teachers teach vocal and instrumental programs for all grades. Extra-curricular expectations (lead bands/choirs, plays, competitions).



## EMPLOYMENT REQUIREMENTS



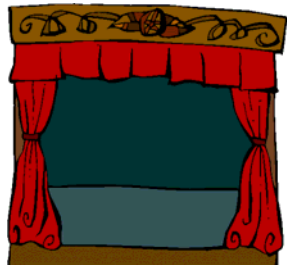
- Musical training from a **university or college or through private instruction** is usually required.
- Musical talent and ability, as demonstrated during an **audition**, is important hiring criteria.
- Membership in a **guild or union** related to the occupation or type of performance may be required.







## RELATED CAREERS

- Related careers such as becoming an actor, comedian also require similar training, and share similar duties.
















## HIGH SCHOOL PATH

Recommended courses to become a musician:

- Grade 9 – 12 English
- Grade 9 – 12 Math
- Grade 9 – 12 Science
- Grade 9 – 12 Music
- Gr. 10 Drama (optional)

## POST-SECONDARY OPTIONS





- **Possible Schools:**  
Wilfrid Laurier  
University of Western Ontario  
Brock University
- **Chosen School:**  
Wilfrid Laurier  
Waterloo, Ontario
- **Program:**  
Music - Honours B Mus.
- **Prerequisites:**  
Music in grades 9 through 12
- **Minimum Grades:** 70%



## WLU Program Information

- Tuition: \$7 500 per year
- Residence:
  - Price: \$4 009 - \$6 184
  - Meal Plan:
    - Plan A: \$2 789
    - Plan B: \$3 915
    - Plan C: \$4 138
  - Guaranteed Residence? Yes!





## EDUCATION

Other Suggested Qualifications:

- As many music classes as possible in high school, and private lessons if possible.
- A university or college music course depending on what kind of musician you want to become.
- Other qualifications: Must have musical talent. Long hours of practice are required.






## CAREER PATH

- Level 1 – Beginning Freelance Musician
- Level 2 – Established Freelance Musician
- Level 3 – High school or University Music Teacher







## EARNINGS

- Musicians working within large orchestras, high schools, community colleges, and universities make about **\$25 000-\$50 000** per year depending on their seniority and experience.



## EMPLOYERS

People and Places that employ musicians:

- Orchestras
- Opera Companies
- Popular bands work in concert halls, lounges and theatres, and in film, television, and recording studios.
- Music teachers teach in conservatories, academies, and private homes.



## Resources

### Internet:

- American Federation of Musicians of the U.S. and Canada
- Arts Canada Council for the Arts
- Canadian Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences
- Career Cruising
- Career Matters
- Wilfred Laurier University



### Print:

- INFO Guide to Universities
- Wilfred Laurier Course Calendar

### Human Resources:

- Mr. McLelland, BCI Music Teacher

