

CAREERS FOR

Music Performance

MAJORS

The relationship between music and people is not easy to describe. Spanning from prehistoric ages to modern times, music has accompanied humans throughout the millennia. While a large majority of people have a need for music in their lives, some people fulfill this passion through performance. Individual attention is given to every UNM Music Performance major by the largest performance faculty in the state. Concentration areas in the department include [brass, guitar, keyboard, percussion, strings, vocal, and woodwinds](#). Students are encouraged to [speak with a College of Fine Arts academic advisor](#) to discuss the requirements for each degree.

[Bachelor of Music \(BM\) Performance \(Instrumental\)](#)

[Bachelor of Music \(BM\) Performance \(Keyboard\)](#)

[Bachelor of Music \(BM\) Performance \(Vocal\)](#)

[Bachelor of Music \(BM\) Jazz Studies](#)

The BM degree is a pre-professional degree that allows students to hone their craft in pursuit of a career as a music performer. Students can pick their chosen instrument or voice and must audition for admittance to the program. Students have many career options after graduation stemming from becoming a professional musician to a music director or composer. Art Therapy and teaching can also be appealing, although additional education or teaching licensure is required.

Industries

Employers specifically recruit UNM students and alumni. Consult Career Services' [Handshake](#) for a list of organizations, recruiters, and current job postings. Speak with a Career Development Facilitator for help with identifying employers or additional resources for Music Performance.

Music Performance – Education – Recording Industry – Arts Administration – Communication – Composition/Arrangement – Conducting – Music Therapy – Music Libraries

Potential Job Titles

Professional musician (vocal or instrumental) – Teacher – Composer – Arranger – Conductor – Music Therapist – Music Librarian – Music Producer – Sound Engineer

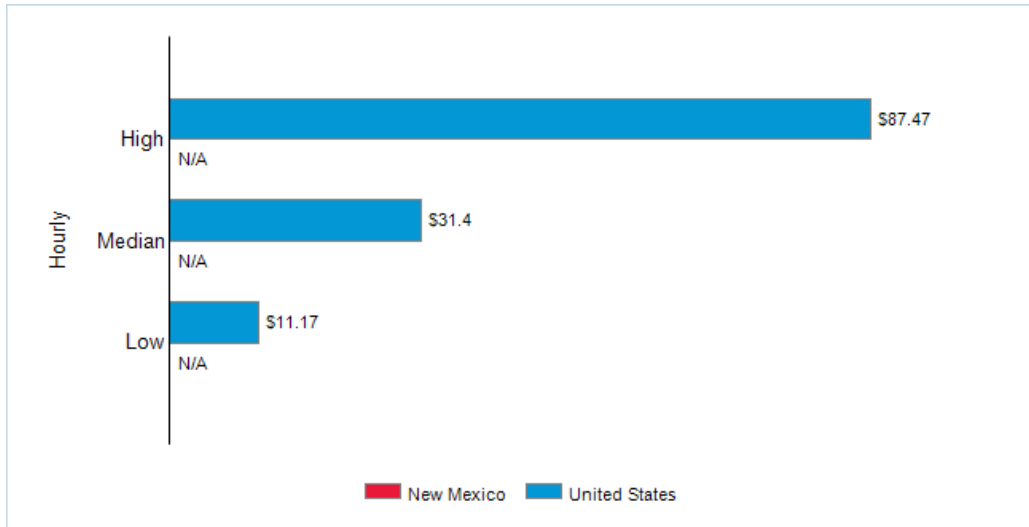
Top Companies

- [New Mexico Philharmonic](#)
- [Celebrity Enterprises Inc](#)
- [New Mexico School of Music](#)

- [Albuquerque Youth Symphony Program](#)
- [Adobe Theater](#)

Salary Information

Hourly Wages for Musicians and Singers in NEW MEXICO from [Career One Stop](#)



Tips

Extensive training and consistent practice will be needed to succeed as a musical performer. The top qualities that can help musical performers thrive are:

- Dedication
- Discipline
- Interpersonal Skills
- Promotional Skills
- Physical Stamina

Learn More

[UNM College of Fine Arts Handshake](#)

[UNM Student Activities Center](#)

[Onet Online – Singers](#)

[Onet Online – Musicians, Instrumental](#)

[Bureau of Labor Statistics – Music](#)

[Directors and Composers](#)

[Buzzfile – Employers of Music Majors in New Mexico](#)

[American Federation of Musicians](#)

[American Society of Music Arrangers and Composers](#)

[Broadcast Music, Inc](#)

[Dramatists Guild](#)

[National Association for Music Education](#)

[Percussive Arts Society](#)

[Screen Actors Guild – American Federation of Television and Radio Artists](#)

[SESAC Performing Rights](#)

[The American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers](#)