**Mission**

The mission of the Music Department, one of six ARTS NC STATE programs, is to provide educational and performance opportunities for student and community participants through a variety of musical experiences and academic courses. It is also our mission to serve as a cultural resource for the university and the greater community through performances and presentations offered by our students, our student/community groups, and by our faculty.

**History**

Music at NC State began as drum and bugle support for the military in 1889, less than a decade after the university’s founding. Percy Walter “Daddy” Price (for whom the current Music facility at NC State is named, and himself a faculty member in the College of Textiles) took over as the first bandmaster in 1924. In 80 years, the Music Department has grown well beyond the vision of its founders and its university. The drum and bugles grew into a marching band of nearly 300 -- only one of 18 ensembles the department offers. Serving about 2,000 students annually in 81 academic courses, it is one of the largest music departments in the state.

**People**

- Ten faculty, 13 adjunct faculty and instructors, and three support staff
- Twenty student staff

**Facilities**

- Price Music Center (built in 1972) has 14,000 square feet that is used for:
  - Classroom instruction
  - Individual student instruction
  - Ensemble rehearsals
  - Individual student practice

**Activities**

- **Academic courses** - The Music Department offers 81 academic courses and 5 minors to 1,992 students for over 4,237 credit hours annually.
- **Ensembles** - Although the Music Department gives academic credit for all ensembles, the department also offers an extraordinary array of performance possibilities for students including two orchestras, two wind ensembles, three choruses, and four jazz groups, including a salsa band.
- **Performances** - In addition to teaching, the department presented 42 formal ticketed concerts in 2010-2011; the marching and pep bands performed for football and basketball games throughout the year.

**Participation**

- **1,992** students enrolled in 81 academic courses in 2009-2011
- **6,273 audience members** attended formal Music Department performances in 2010-11; several hundred thousand also viewed music ensembles perform at live athletics events

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