

Careers for Music Graduates

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A degree in music from John Brown University... then what?

Your heart draws you to study music at the college level, but your head says, "Hold on a moment! What career might I have if I follow my heart?"

First, please think less about what you will do with your major and more about what your major will do for you in terms of your personal development. That's one of the time-honored, long-term benefits of a solid liberal arts education. Our goal is less to equip you with the specific skills you'll need on your first day on your first position after graduating, than to prepare you for a lifetime of God-honoring, gratifying service.

Nonetheless, JBU music graduates are engaged in a wide variety of pursuits, musical and extra-musical, both as paid professionals and as volunteer professionals. We are proud of what our students have achieved after graduating from JBU.

You might begin by reviewing the profiles of graduates in the Oiesen Hall of Honor and Other Outstanding Graduates.

Here is a brief list of possible vocations within the field of music for graduates with a music degree (this is not all-inclusive!).

- Elementary music teacher
- Church choir soloist
- High school choral conductor
- Arranger
- Minister of music
- Church organist
- Opera performer
- Private piano teacher
- Recording studio musician
- Music copyist
- Church choir director
- Private voice teacher
- Broadway performer
- Children's choir director
- Web designer (at least two of our graduates are so engaged – and they're good! We believe that there is a relationship between the study of music theory and technology.)
- Opera chorus member



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