

The University of New Mexico Bands

"I am constantly playing music, learning leadership skills and having the time of my life as a performer."



Joahna Lamboy, Spirit Marching Band trumpet player, Bachelor of Music Jazz Studies major

Ensembles

UNM's Band Ensembles include the nationally acclaimed Wind Symphony, Symphonic Band, Chamber Winds, Brass Choir, and two Jazz Bands.

The Bands provide an exceptional musical experience to all students. From challenging ensembles for those students earning a degree in Music Performance or Education, to biology, English, or Psychology majors who simply wish to keep playing, we have an ensemble and instruction for you.

The ensembles perform multiple times each semester and the Wind Symphony has produced seven recordings so far. Students have many opportunities to perform world premiers of UNM-commissioned music and work directly with composers.

Athletic Bands

The Spirit Marching Band is UNM's most visible ensemble, performing at home football games and representing the University at games across the country. They sponsor the Zia Marching Band Fiesta each year, one of the largest competitions in the Southwest!

The best basketball pep band in the Mountain West Conference, Soundpack performs at all home games and post-season tournament games across the country. Both bands are open to all UNM students.

Scholarships

Music Scholarships are available to talented musicians, regardless of their field of study. Scholarship auditions are held each spring and awards range from \$200-\$2000.

Participants in the athletic bands also receive stipends for their performances.



Outside the Classroom

Members of the UNM Bands program gain more than knowledge and skill from their lessons. They gain invaluable experience, performing with world-class guest artists such as Boston Brass and working directly with great American composers such as Steven Gryc, Michael Schelle, Joni Greene, and Josep Turrin.



The UNM Wind Symphony has produced 7 CDs, giving students an inside look at the intensity required to produce a professional recording. "The recording experience was an incredible learning opportunity for me," said graduate student Christopher Ramos.

The UNM Bands have also commissioned 50 original works and UNM students have played in the world premier of many of them.

UNM Bands...a life changing experience!

Above: Members of the legendary Boston Brass performed with UNM's Wind Symphony in an upcoming recording

Below: UNM Wind Symphony performed American composer Michael Schelle's dramatic "End of the World"



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