

JOYCE J. BOLDEN
FINE ARTS

ALCORN STATE UNIVERSITY

Fine Arts Department

2023-2024 Brochure
Events and Scholarship Audition Information

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Dr. Sean Daniels, Chair/Associate Professor

Welcome to the Department of Fine Arts!

Housed in the Joyce J. Bolden Fine Arts Building, the Department of Fine Arts offers classes in Art, Humanities, Speech, Theater, and Music. The department is also home to the ASU Concert Choir, The (Sounds of Dyn-O-Mite) Marching Band, Wind Ensemble, Jazz Ensembles, Brass Ensembles, Woodwind Ensembles, Strings, Men's Choral, Chamber Singers, Women Choral and the ASU Steel and Percussion Ensemble. The department includes award-winning faculty and staff. We offer professional degree programs in the following areas: **Music Education Vocal, Music Education Instrumental, Music Performance Vocal, Music Performance Instrumental and the Bachelor of Arts in (General) music.** Not a Music major, well you can still enjoy the Arts through various programs sponsored in part by the ASU Fine Arts Department.

Art

The program offered by the art area is unique in that instead of concentrating on students with a special talent for art, it focuses on the general education of all students to expand their range of ideas and to enhance their understanding of mankind, to increase vocabulary by writing and speaking about art, and to introduce students to drawing and design as a means of communication. Students may take a range of introductory level courses either as electives or to supplement their major fields.

Speech and Theatre

The speech and theatre area offers services for students interested in speech and theatre either as an enhancement of their academic program or as a means of enriching their leisure time activity. Speech aids students in improving communication skills, expressing thoughts more clearly, and gaining confidence in front of audiences. Its purpose is to try to help students clarify ideas and to express them orally. The theatre program provides students with both practical experience in the production of plays, and historical and critical insight into the theatre as a medium of communication of ideas and emotion.

Fine Arts Faculty

Dr. Alona Alexander, Choral Director- Coordinator of Music Education	alonata@alcorn.edu
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Dr. Charles Brooks III, Speech and Theater-	cdbrooks@alcorn.edu
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Fine Arts Events Fall 2023

September 1, 2023, Thursday 1pm

Lecture: Music Careers

Dr. Oscar Martinez and Mr. Byron Chatman

Fine Arts Little Theater

September 7, 2023, Thursday, 1pm

Lecture: Music Careers

Dr. Bianca Jackson

Fine Arts Little Theater

September 14, 2023, Thursday, 1pm

Student Recital Class

Fine Arts Little Theater

September 21, 2023, Thursday, 1pm

“A Tribute to the Blues”

United States Coast Guard Traditional Jazz Band

Fine Arts Little Theater

September 26, 2023, Tuesday, 6pm

Faculty Recital

Fine Arts Little Theater

October 17, 2023, Tuesday, 6pm

Concert Choir Fall Concert

Oakland Memorial Chapel

November 7, 2023, 6pm

Student Chamber Concert

Fine Arts Little Theater

December 3, 2023, Thursday, 6pm

ASU Concert Choir Holiday Concert

Trinity Episcopal Church, Natchez, MS.

Alcorn State University**Third Annual Music Scholarship Audition Day Saturday, March 23, 2024****Audition Day Schedule**

- 9 am** Registration: ASU Fine Arts Building Lobby
- 9:15** Welcome and Introduction Fine Art Faculty- Little Theater
Financial Aid information session for students and parents
Waived Application Fee
Collection of Transcripts and Test Scores
- 10 am** ASU Concert Choir Performance
- 10:30** Warm up and transition to audition practice rooms
- 10:45** Auditions
- 12:30** All eligible registered audition students will eat brunch free in the ASU Cafeteria.
Parents and guests of auditioning students may pay for their meals with a credit card if you would like to dine in the ASU Cafeteria. (No cash accepted)
- 1:15** ASU Marching Band Performance
- 1:30** Audition Awards and Closing Remarks

Use QR Code to register:



Audition Day Requirements for Scholarships- open to all majors

Instrumental, Vocal and String Auditions

Prepare 2-4 minutes of music to play at the audition. Choose repertoire that demonstrates your technical ability and musical skills. Do not select music that is too difficult for you, or that you have not thoroughly prepared. Students will be asked to sightread a short music passage.

Brass: All major Scales
Chromatic Scale
Solo or Etude

Piano: All Major Scales Both Hands
Solo or Etude Preferably from the Classical or Romantic repertoire

Percussion: All major scales
Solo or Etude on at least two different instruments:
Snare Drum, Timpani, Mallets and or Drum Set
40 International Rudiments

Strings: **Violin, viola, cello**
Two pieces of contrasting character. At least one of the pieces should be played from memory. Pieces chosen should demonstrate the applicant's ability in phrasing, sustained playing, and technical facility, including varied bow strokes and tempi.
A 3 octaves Major scale chosen by the applicant, played in quarter notes, slurred 3 or 4 per bow.
Tempo should be quarter note = 80.
Classical Bass
One movement from the standard solo repertoire
One etude selected by the applicant
One three-octave major scale with arpeggio

Woodwinds: All major scales
Solo or Etude
Sight Reading

Voice: Demonstrate the ability to match pitches
Solo or Etude
Classical Art Song preferred

Fine Arts Events Spring 2024

February 06, 2024, Tuesday 6pm
Faculty Black Composers Recital 6pm

February 15, 2024, Thursday 1pm
Pi Kappa Lambda Student Music Honors Recital

February 15, 2024, Thursday, 6pm
Concert Choir Black History Spirituals Concert

March 05, 2024, Tuesday, 6pm
Student Chamber Music Concert

March 21, 2024, Thursday, 1pm
Piano Trio, Guest Artist

March 23, 2024, Saturday, 9 am
Fine Arts Department Music Scholarship Audition Day

April 9, 2024, Tuesday, 6pm
Wind Ensemble Spring Concert

April 16, 2024, Tuesday, 6pm
Concert Choir Spring Concert
Oakland Memorial Chapel

April 18-20, 2024
Alcorn State University 42nd Jazz Festival
Lorman MS. Fine Arts Little Theater
Vicksburg MS. Convention Center Artist TBA

April 23, 2024, Tuesday, 6pm
ASU Steel and Percussion Ensemble

All Spring Events are presented in the Fine Arts Little Theater unless otherwise noted.

ASU Concert Choir



ASU Sounds of Dyn-O-Mite Marching Band





2023 Student Honors Recital Recipients copy link to hear student performances.

Student Performances:

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Alcorn State University Summer Music Camp

The Alcorn State University Summer Music Camp introduces students to a variety of music including choral, instrumental, classical, jazz, and world music. This four-day camp meets daily June 3 – June 6 from 9:30 am to 4:00 pm. Late pick-up ends at 4:30 pm (see schedule). The camp is open to students ages 11–17. Camp fees are \$100 before June 1; and \$200 dollars after June 1, 2024. Lunch and snacks are provided daily at no additional cost.

PLEASE MAKE ALL FEES OUT TO ALCORN STATE UNIVERSITY FINE ARTS SUMMER MUSIC CAMP. POSTAL MONEY ORDERS ONLY (NO CHECKS AND NO CASH). BRING FEES TO FINE ARTS BUILDING RM 101 OR MAIL TO:

DR. SEAN DANIELS, CHAIR
FINE ARTS DEPARTMENT
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Daily Schedule

Monday – June 3, 2024

9:30 am Registration Fine Arts Building Room 201
10:00 am Welcome and Overview Fine Arts Room 205 (Parents and Students)
10:30 am Music Fundamentals
11:30 am Lunch Time – Bristow Dining Hall
1:00 pm Classical Music
2:00 pm Percussion Master Class
3:00 pm Choral Music
4:00 pm Pick Up
4:30 pm Late Pick Up fee \$15

Tuesday – June 4, 2024

9:30 am Drop Off Fine Arts Building
10:00 am Music Fundamentals
11:00 am Percussion Class
12 noon Lunch
1:00 pm Music Fundamentals
2:00 pm Jazz Music
3:00 pm Choral Music
4:00 pm Pick Up
4:30 pm Late Pick Up fee \$15

Wednesday – June 5, 2024

9:30 am Drop Off Fine Arts Building
10:00 am Music Fundamentals Elements
11:00 am Guest Artist
12 noon Lunch
1:00 pm String Master Class
2:00 pm Music Presentation Rehearsal
4:00 pm Pick Up
4:30 pm Late Pick Up fee \$15

Thursday – June 6, 2024

9:30 am Drop Off Fine Arts Building
10:00 am Music Presentation Rehearsal
12 noon Lunch
1:00 pm Woodwinds Class
2:00 pm Music Presentation Rehearsal
4:00 pm Music Presentation Performance
4:30 pm End of Camp
5:00 pm Pick Up

Use QR Code to link to the Fine Arts web page and register for the ASU Fine Arts Summer Music Camp

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