Ways to Give

Annual Giving

We are grateful for the many, meaningful relationships we have with our donors. Their philanthropic partnership has shaped and enhanced the mission of the Jacobs School of Music. As partners in our annual giving program, donors directly impact the present and future of music education, providing vital support for initiatives aligned with your passion within JSoM.

Interested in making an annual gift to an area of Jacobs that resonates with you? Please reach out to Haley Hatton, Assistant Director of Annual Fund and Stewardship. Together, let's continue to nurture the musical excellence and innovation that define the IU Jacobs School of Music



Scan this QR code with your phone camera to access three primary JSoM annual funds

Planned Giving

At the IU Jacobs School of Music, your impact can extend far beyond the present moment, even without immediate financial contributions. By considering a gift to the Jacobs School in your estate plans, you retain full control of your assets during your lifetime while securing a lasting legacy of support. There are numerous flexible options for leaving gifts, including assets, stock, real estate, or a percentage of your estate. Through thoughtful planning, you can designate how your gift will be used, ensuring that the Jacobs School remains resilient and continues to inspire future generations of musicians and scholars. By weaving your legacy into the fabric of our institution. you empower us to thrive, evolve, and create lasting impact for years to come. Join us in shaping a future where the transformative power of music endures. leaving an indelible mark on the world.

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Major Giving

At the Jacobs School of Music, major gifts have the power to ignite profound transformation. When a donor makes a gift of \$50k,or more, they have the potential to shape the future for those who pursue a life in the expressive arts. Whether by establishing endowed scholarships, funding innovative projects, or creating prestigious chairs and professorships – donors help Jacobs unlock the potential of tomorrow. To explore the transformative impact of major giving, reach out to Melissa Dickson, J-CDR Assistant Dean for External Affairs, or Kristen Rafdal, Director of Development for Major Gifts. Together, let's compose a symphony of support that propels the Jacobs School to new heights of artistic excellence and opportunity.

Alumni Relations

The Indiana University Jacobs School of Music thrives on the support of our 18,000 alumni, who illuminate premier stages and institutions globally. Their engagement ensures future generations access high-caliber opportunities. Updating contact information and sharing news via our alumni website enhances our vibrant community. Alumni giving supports crucial initiatives like scholarships and fellowships, allowing talented students to attend Jacobs without financial burden. Contributions also fund mainstage seasons, preparing students for successful careers. Beyond financial aid, alumni mentor current students, offer career guidance, and facilitate professional networks, enriching our community. Continued support propels Jacobs School to new heights, ensuring lasting musical excellence and educational leadership.



JSoM alumni, scan this QR code with your phone camera to stay in touch with the Jacobs School and our 18,000 living alumni.



Scholarships & Fellowships



For more than a century, the Jacobs School has been a beacon of excellence, cultivating scholars, performers, and music educators who shine brightly in every corner of the globe. With nearly 19,000 living alumni, our legacy is not just in numbers but in the profound impact they have on our profession. They grace the stages of major orchestral, opera, and ballet houses, and their talents resonate through the recording arts and academic institutions worldwide.

Donors fortify our commitment to nurturing these talented students through endowed scholarships and fellowships. Financial aid allows students to pursue their passion for music, enabling them to carve out new pathways toward unparalleled musical excellence. As Jacobs continues to foster a community where creativity thrives and dreams take flight, donors help illuminate the way for generations to come, inspiring a world enriched by the transformative power of music.

At the heart of the Jacobs School beats the unwavering dedication of our faculty, who tirelessly nurture the budding talents of tomorrow's music professionals. They provide world-class instruction and immerse themselves deeply in their disciplines. The outcomes of which enrich both the performance and artistic innovation of our students as they become members of the profession. Investing in our faculty is paramount to sustaining the exceptional educational experience found only at Jacobs. With over 175 full-time faculty members, each a model of expertise and artistic integrity, we ensure that Jacobs students are not just taught but inspired, guided, and mentored to reach their highest potential. Together, faculty and students form a dynamic ecosystem where passion, knowledge, and creativity converge, shaping the future of music with brilliance and innovation.

Supporting Chairs & Professorships

Named Chairs and Professorships attract and retain luminary faculty. They also embody a legacy of excellence and a commitment to shaping the future of musical education. These distinguished positions recognize outstanding faculty members who, through their performance, teaching, and research, inspire innovation and mentorship for generations to come. Supported by the generosity of our donors, these named professorships stand as enduring investments in our school's future, ensuring that the Jacobs School continues to attract and retain the finest talent in music education. Together, we forge a path forward, guided by the timeless pursuit of artistic mastery and the relentless

pursuit of excellence.

Step into the world of the Jacobs School of Music mainstage season, where every note played, and every step taken embodies the essence of expression. Here, tradition intertwines with innovation as our students bring to life the most cherished classics and cutting-edge creations. Underwriting support for this journey of artistic exploration empowers our students to push boundaries and captivate audiences on the grand stage of the Musical Arts Center. Together, we can champion excellence, shape the cultural landscape, and inspire future generations to embrace the transformative power of the arts. We invite meaningful underwriting support so that we can continue in igniting the flames of creativity and foster a legacy that resonates far beyond the footlights.

Our Piano Inventory



Pianos serve as the foundation of the educational and musical journey at the Jacobs School, resonating with the passion and dedication of every student. Mastery of the piano is not just a requirement but a gateway to artistic expression and excellence. Across our halls, approximately 500 acoustic pianos stand as witnesses to the countless hours of practice, creativity, and soulful performances. Maintaining these instruments is no small feat; it requires constant care and investment Donors to the Jacobs School can help ensure that each piano remains a pristine vessel for inspiration and innovation. Their philanthropy will enable us to provide our exceptionally talented students with the finest instruments, empowering them to reach new heights of musical prowess and fulfill their artistic aspirations. Together, we harmonize the melody of possibility, transforming dreams into symphonies of achievement

The William and Gayle Cook Music Library stands as a pillar of knowledge, spanning four floors and 55.000 square feet. With its vast physical and digital collections. it provides aspiring musicians and scholars with essential resources for their endeavors. Thanks to the support of our donors, this treasure trove of musical inspiration continues to thrive and evolve, enriching the lives of all who seek its symphony of knowledge. In every philanthropic gift, in every act of advocacy, lies the promise of a symphony yet to be composed, a discovery waiting to be unearthed. Together, let us cultivate this legacy, nurturing the seeds of creativity and knowledge that will resonate for generations to come

Infrastructural Enhancements

At the Jacobs School of Music, we take immense pride in our world-class facilities that serve as the foundation of our excellence. With seven buildings housing over 180 practice rooms, alongside choral and instrumental rehearsal spaces, as well as cutting edge recording studios and electronic labs, we provide our students with an unparalleled environment for growth and innovation. Yet, maintaining this standard of excellence is an ongoing commitment. Our performance spaces require meticulous upkeep and continuous upgrades in technology and equipment to ensure that our student body receives a world-class education. Through the support of generous donors, we can continue to enhance our facilities and provide the resources necessary to create an exceptional learning environment, empowering the next generation of musicians.

Embarking on a journey to explore the world is both a privilege and a profound form of education. At Jacobs, we believe in empowering our students with transformative experiences that exist beyond the classroom. We ignite a passion for global discovery through an array of enriching opportunities such as study abroad programs, captivating performances, immersive tours with student organizations, and meaningful volunteer ventures. Through travel, our students both traverse geographical boundaries and transcend cultural divides - immersing themselves in the vibrant tapestry of humanity. Through participation in international competitions, collaboration with acclaimed musicians worldwide, and dynamic cultural exchange programs they become global citizens, equipped with a panoramic perspective that illuminates their careers and artistic endeavors.



Faculty Research Support

Underwriting Jacobs Mainstage Season

William and Gayle Cook Music Library

Supporting Student Travel