

**Assistant Professor: Music Composition/Theory**  
**San Diego State University: Professional Studies and Fine Arts: Music and Dance**

**POSITION DESCRIPTION AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

The School of Music and Dance is seeking a tenure-track faculty member at the rank of Assistant Professor for a Fall 2020 appointment. The successful candidate will teach courses in composition, theory, orchestration, and counterpoint and will mentor B.M. and M.M. composition students through private instruction. While the candidate will not serve as coordinator of the composition area upon hire, such responsibilities may be assigned in the future. The candidate will be encouraged to contribute to collaborative relationships across the School of Music and Dance, to cultivate and maintain active connections with theory and composition instructors in the region, and to participate in the recruitment and retention of outstanding students. Active and sustained involvement in professional growth (i.e., scholarship and creative activities) beyond the university is required to obtain tenure and promotion, as are excellence in teaching and participation in faculty governance.

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

Applicants must have earned a terminal degree in composition (Ph.D. or D.M.A.) or the equivalent in professional experience by the appointment date. The successful candidate must be a proven pedagogue of composition within both private studio and classroom settings and should possess excellent interpersonal skills for working with a diverse student population and a dynamic faculty. The preferred candidate must demonstrate artistic and pedagogical versatility across a broad range of styles, which may include: classical, popular (including vernacular music in film and video games), jazz, and world musics. The candidate must show evidence of an ongoing commitment to advancing the profession through appropriate activities, including commissioned works, audio recordings, publications, performances, and the promotion of new music. Evidence of commitment to university and community collaborations is strongly desired.

**RANK AND SALARY:**

Appointment will be at the rank of Assistant Professor with salary commensurate with qualifications and experience.

**BUILDING ON INCLUSIVE EXCELLENCE:**

SDSU is committed to inclusion and diversity, as represented in the institutional strategic plan,

Building on Excellence (<https://go.sdsu.edu/strategicplan/>). As part of this commitment, this position may be eligible for the SDSU Building on Inclusive Excellence (BIE) hiring program, which creates additional faculty lines for schools or departments that hire candidates who meet two or more of the following criteria:

is engaged in service with underrepresented populations in higher education;  
demonstrates knowledge of barriers for underrepresented students and faculty in higher education;  
has experience or a demonstrated commitment to teaching and mentoring underrepresented students;  
integrates understanding of underrepresented populations and communities into research and/or creative activities;  
extends knowledge of how to achieve artistic or scholarly success as a member of an underrepresented group;  
is committed to research (including creative activities) that engages underrepresented communities;  
shows expertise in cross-cultural communication and collaboration; and  
has research interests (including creative activities) that contribute to diversity and equal opportunity in higher education.

Candidates with experiences and/or expertise related to BIE should identify in their cover letters how, specifically, they meet two or more of the enumerated criteria. For more information about the BIE program, visit SDSU's website: <https://diversity.sdsu.edu/inclusion/bie>.

#### APPLICATION:

Review of applications will begin on October 30th, 2019 and continue until the position is filled. Applicants should apply via Interfolio. Applicants must upload the following materials: 1) a cover letter; 2) curriculum vitae; 3) three letters of recommendation; 4) two YouTube links to recordings of original compositions with accompanying .pdfs of scores; and 5) one YouTube link to a teaching sample (20-30 minutes).

#### SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY:

San Diego State University is the largest university in San Diego and the third largest in California. The highly diverse campus community has a student population of over 36,000 and approximately 5,849 faculty and staff. SDSU is currently designated as a Doctoral/Research-Intensive University by the Carnegie Foundation and has been named on the Faculty Scholarly Productivity Index as the No. 1 small research university in the nation. Established in 1897, SDSU offers bachelor degrees in 84 areas, masters in 76 and doctorates in 21. See <http://www.sdsu.edu> for more information. SDSU is a large, diverse, urban university and Hispanic-Serving Institution with a commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusive excellence. Our campus community is diverse in many ways, including race, religion, color, sex, age, disability, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, national origin, pregnancy, medical condition, and covered veteran status. We strive to build and sustain a welcoming environment for all. SDSU is seeking applicants with demonstrated experience in and/or commitment to teaching and working effectively with individuals from diverse backgrounds and members of underrepresented groups.

## COLLEGE OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES AND FINE ARTS:

The College of Professional Studies and Fine Arts (PSFA) comprises 10 diverse departments/schools committed to the pursuit of excellence in academic and artistic endeavors geared to enhancing the human enterprise. The College is recognized for its excellent academic programs that prepare students for professional careers in a wide spectrum of artistic, cultural, educational, social, and technical fields. PSFA website: <http://psfa.sdsu.edu>.

## SCHOOL OF MUSIC AND DANCE:

The School of Music and Dance (SM&D) offers undergraduate and graduate degrees in music (BA, BM, MA, MM, Advanced Graduate Artist Diploma) and dance (BA, BFA.) The School enrolls over 325 majors and serves thousands of students across our campus each academic year through its general education courses, performing ensemble opportunities, and public performances. To deliver our comprehensive curricula, the School has 21 permanent faculty (tenured or tenure-track), 38 lecturer faculty (mostly part-time), and approximately 13 studio instructors. SM&D website: <http://musicdance.sdsu.edu/>.

The person holding this position is considered a “mandated reporter” under the California Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act and is required to comply with the requirements set forth in CSU Executive Order 1083 as a condition of employment.

A background check (including a criminal records check) must be completed satisfactorily before any candidate can be offered a position with the CSU. Failure to satisfactorily complete the background check may affect the application status of applicants or continued employment of current CSU employees who apply for the position.

SDSU is a Title IX, equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate against persons on the basis of race, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity and expression, marital status, age, disability, pregnancy, medical condition, or covered veteran status.