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“The Montclair State University composition program has provided me with a perfect environment for learning and growing as a composer and musician. At the same time as I am pushed to explore new depths and reach greater heights, I always feel that my professors and peers accept me and that my ideas/opinions are valued.”

—KYLAN HILLMAN, COMPOSITION STUDENT, CLASS OF 2020

COMPOSITION + THEORY PROGRAM

Cali School of Music composers hone their individual artistic voices as they work with internationally-acclaimed faculty and distinguished guest artists. Besides annual reading sessions with the MSU Symphony Orchestra, the graduate string quartet, and the MSU Symphonic Band, composition student works are regularly performed by both the MSU New Music Ensemble and the Electronic Music Ensemble.

The Composition program weekly colloquium features master classes and guest lectures with many of today’s most prominent composers and contemporary music performers. Recent guests include composers Du Yun (Pulitzer Prize), Zosha di Castri (Columbia University), Patricia Alessandrini (Stanford University), Augusta Read Thomas (Grammy Award), and Phyllis Chen, as well as members of the International Contemporary Ensemble (ICE) and Alarm Will Sound. Our recent alumni have been accepted into prestigious graduate composition programs such as Columbia University, Princeton University, Northwestern University, University of Pittsburgh, and have received coveted fellowships and awards both nationally and internationally.

New York city’s cultural riches and vibrant new music scene are only 12 miles away. Montclair State University also hosts the critically-acclaimed Peak Performances, a concert series that commissions, incubates, and premieres works by new music luminaries such as Kate Soper, Ashley Fure, Michel van der Aa, Julia Wolfe, and Caroline Shaw, among others.

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