

## ***WELCOME, MUSIC STUDENTS!***

On behalf of the CCRI Music Faculty, I welcome you to the Community College of Rhode Island, the largest community college in New England. Our Music Department has a proud history. The founding department chairman, Arthur E. Chatfield, was one of the original 12 faculty when this college opened. The Music Faculty are committed to excellence in music education, offering to you essential educational experiences which will prepare you for your future in music.

The CCRI Department of Music offers the Associate in Fine Arts degree with curricular emphases in Music Education and Jazz Studies. Our graduates have transferred successfully to Westminster Choir College, William Paterson University, Florida State University, University of Tennessee, University of North Texas, University of South Florida, New England Conservatory, Berklee College of Music, Stetson University, Hartwick College, Rhode Island College, University of Rhode Island, and Providence College. In addition, our students and department have been recognized regionally and nationally by CCRI students' participation in competitive Two-Year College, Women's, and Collegiate Honor Choirs of American Choral Directors Association, as well as in the International Association of Jazz Educators Two-Year College All-Star Jazz Big Bands and Women's All-Star Jazz Band.

This Music Student Handbook contains information to guide you through the process of majoring in music/jazz studies. Our requirements are aligned with the first two years of a four-year college or university music degree program. Please read this handbook thoroughly and refer to it each semester. If you need further information or explanation of these guidelines, I am ready to assist you. Please call me at 401-825-2167 or email me at [cmarkward@ccri.edu](mailto:cmarkward@ccri.edu)

The Music Faculty stand ready to help you discover your potential and set goals accordingly. We are glad to have you as a student at CCRI.

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