

University of Southern California

Thornton School of Music

Bachelor of Music in Composition

Program Learning Objectives

Composition (B.M.)

The purpose of the Bachelor of Music degree in Composition is to develop the talents of select student composers to the highest possible professional level, and to prepare such students for professional composition work, for graduate work in composition, and for entry into the film and television industry. Upon completion of the Bachelor of Music program in Composition, students will:

- a. have the knowledge and technical skill to compose concert music for a variety of soloists and ensemble groups at a professional entry level;
- b. have the ability to take aural dictation of music and to analyze musical harmony and structure;
- c. demonstrate an understanding of the classical canon and the 20th and 21st c. concert music repertory;
- d. be able to work as a leader and in collaboration in areas of musical interpretation and performance;
- e. have an understanding of the societal impact of music and the ethical responsibility of a professional musician;
- f. have the ability to engage in life-long learning;
- g. have the practical, technical and historical knowledge to communicate their values and understanding of music to the world at large.