

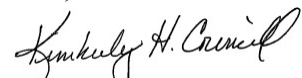
Dear SMTE Colleagues and Friends:

Welcome to The University of Utah and to the School of Music! On behalf of our staff, faculty, and students, I want to share that we are honored to host the 2023 SMTE Conference and spend time with you this week. As an active member of SMTE since its initial conference at UNCG (my alma mater!) in 2005, I am especially honored to have so many of my colleagues and friends here with us in the magical place that is Salt Lake City. In my short time here at the U, it has been thrilling to become a new Utahn, and I hope you enjoy your time in our beautiful spaces in and around campus. My colleagues and I are especially proud of the fantastic work of our former colleague, Dr. Jared Rawlings, who started dreaming of hosting SMTE in Utah back in 2021. It has been a pleasure to be a part of the excitement as we have worked to ensure an incredible experience for you.

The University of Utah was established in 1850 and is the state's oldest and largest institution of higher education. The University is a major research institution and offers the BA, BM, MA, MM, DMA, and PhD music degrees with programs in composition, conducting, jazz studies, music education, music theory, musicology, and performance. Accredited by the National Association of Schools of Music (NASM), the School of Music is one of five academic units in the College of Fine Arts, and its beautiful facilities accommodate over 375 majors, 90 faculty members, and thousands of minors, certificate seekers, and non-majors who find a creative outlet with us each year. We are proud of our 75-year history of close collaboration with the Utah Symphony, our partnerships with Utah Opera, our community engaged music making in our College Preparatory Division and the Utah Piano Outreach Program (UPoP), and the honor of being an All-Steinway School. We are also deeply grateful to our fantastic Advisory Board for their support of our students and curriculum. Our faculty are internationally recognized scholars and artists who share their energy and deep commitment to musical excellence with our students every day. We are fortunate to support strong bands, theorists, orchestras, jazz, composers, choirs, historians, operas, small ensembles, and chamber ensembles, and you may have seen our Marching Utes perform for the last two years at the Rose Bowl. Our students excel in independent and collaborative research, the practice room, engaged classroom experiences, and on stage.

Thank you for allowing The University of Utah to host this year's SMTE conference and thank you, again, to Dr. Jared Rawlings and the SMTE Leadership for their many months of planning and organization. If we can of any assistance to you, please contact us in the Music Office (204 David Gardner Hall) or in the beautiful Emma Ray Riggs McKay Music Library. We hope you have a wonderful conference and please come back to visit!

Best,



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