



Challey School of Music

The Challey School of Music provides a comprehensive, rigorous and innovative academic program at undergraduate and graduate levels. The school features high-quality teaching, artistic performance, dedicated service and professional and scholarly excellence through its performance and degree programs.

Our performance ensembles provide outstanding musical experiences for all students. Ensembles include choirs, concert bands, a symphony orchestra, marching and pep bands, jazz combos, jazz ensembles, numerous chamber music ensembles, musical theatre and opera theatre.

We offer four different bachelor's degrees, a master's of music in music education, and master's and doctoral programs in performance and conducting.

Offering ensemble participation to students in all disciplines, faculty and students perform on campus, for the community and throughout the world. The NDSU Challey School of Music has been a member of the National Association of Schools of Music since 1970.

Division of Performing Arts

The Division of Performing Arts includes the Department of Theatre Arts, the Challey School of Music and the NDSU concert and performance facilities. Our outstanding students, faculty and staff are committed to providing excellent arts opportunities for the region.

The Department of Theatre Arts offers four major productions each year, giving students opportunities to perform or work backstage with lighting, sound, and costume and set design. The department offers liberal arts degrees, as well as the Bachelor of Fine Arts in Performance, Technical Theatre and Musical Theatre.

This is an exciting time of transformation for NDSU. NDSU is proud to be a significant part of the arts in the greater university community.

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SCHOLARSHIPS

Established in 2006, the Robert and Sheila Challey Scholarship Endowment Fund is committed to attracting and sustaining exceptional music students.



Robert and Sheila Challey



A native Fargoan, Robert is the son of the late Clyde and Myrtle Challey, both NDSU graduates. Myrtle taught food and nutrition at NDSU during the 1960s. Robert's uncle was Bill Euren, director of the NDSU Gold Star Band from 1948-1968. Robert, Sheila and their three children are from Danville and Lake Tahoe, Calif.

Robert is chairman of the board of The Park Place Group, a real estate investment and management company in Walnut Creek, Calif.

Robert graduated from NDSU in 1967. While at NDSU, he was a drum major and trombonist with

the Gold Star Band, vice president of the student body, student senator, member of the Blue Key Honor Society, and producer of the musical, Oklahoma!. He also earned a master's degree in chemistry and an MBA from the University of California.

Robert was elected to the NDSU Development Foundation Board of Trustees in 1981, and in that capacity has served on numerous committees and advisory boards. He is a trustee and treasurer for the Smuin Ballet of San Francisco and was instrumental in bringing two Smuin Ballet performances to Fargo. He received an Alumni Achievement Award from NDSU in 1986, the Development Foundation's Service Award in 2002 and an Honorary Doctorate from NDSU in 2009.



The NDSU Challey Scholarship Fund

Bill Euren Fellowships Named for the uncle of Robert Challey and director of bands at NDSU from 1948 to 1968, the Euren Fellowship is awarded to an incoming music major each year and is equivalent to full tuition costs for four years.

Myrtle Euren Challey Scholarships Named for Robert Challey's mother, the amount of these awards is at least one-quarter the amount of full tuition for four years.

Patricia Yvonne Bizicki Scholarships Named for Sheila Challey's mother, the amount of these awards is at least one-quarter the amount of full tuition for four years.

Robert and Sheila Challey Scholarships These scholarships are additional awards of significant support and are presented to both incoming and continuing music majors. Through these awards, the Challey family is committed to an ever-increasing standard of high quality for music at NDSU.

For more information about these scholarships, call the NDSU Division of Performing Arts at 701-231-7932 or visit our website at www.ndsu.edu/music.