



Become a Transformational Leader in
Worship & the Arts





If you are looking for practical tools and comprehensive learning to equip you for your role in worship ministry, this is the program to enroll in. I have used so much of what I have learned in this program in my ministry journey.

— Jake Strommen '17

Worship... It can be creative, powerful, transformational.

Worship transcends the distance between created and Creator. It provides a dynamic language through which we are able to connect with the Divine. And worship can lead to deeper understanding, a new way of seeing Christ at work in the world around us.

At the same time, worship can be used as a weapon, ultimately resulting in polarization and crippling division.

These are powerful realities, and those who play a role in the immense task of worship leadership, do well to ask certain questions: What is worship and why is it fundamental to us as human creatures? What is it that changes when we move from a personal place of worship to a corporate gathering of worship? When Christians are gathered in faith, what are helpful ways of shaping these gatherings? What theological frameworks are helpful for those who provide artistic leadership in the church?

At Azusa Pacific, we understand that worship deals with some of the deepest and most powerful questions of life, and those who lead worship are called upon to address these questions with great knowledge, discernment, and artistic skill.

We also understand that the worship gathering is shaped and guided by not just one, but a team of many. This team of gifted and discerning individuals work together in dynamic collaboration to help guide the collective of those gathered for Christian worship.

The APU Worship Arts program prepares individuals and teams for ministry, providing the skills and tools for discernment, theological reflection, and artistic growth. If these priorities reflect your own, we would love to begin a conversation with you...

An Innovative Degree for a Dynamic Field

In an ever-evolving ministry environment, difference makers are needed to help shape the trajectory of worship.

An expertly crafted degree prepares students for a wide range of potential roles and responsibilities in worship design, leadership, and service. Eight concentrations provide opportunities for specialization, developing relevant skills and nuanced education in a variety of areas. As a result, each student is uniquely prepared with artistic tools relevant to both their craft and desired area of ministry.



Build Relationships with Faculty & Mentors

From nationally recognized songwriters and recording artists, to local worship leaders, music directors, and expert faculty, you will hear from experienced individuals who have a vested interest in your success. These trusted individuals help guide and shape the worship arts program at Azusa Pacific, and regularly make themselves available for conversation and mentoring.

Internships

Azusa Pacific maintains connections with a wide range of churches in the Southern California area, providing strategic connections with local worship leaders, musicians, and artists.





Vocational Opportunities

A wide range of vocational leadership roles allow for the integration of artistic skills:

- Worship Pastor
- Creative Arts Director
- Singer/Songwriter
- Choral/Instrumental Music Director
- Service Production
- Arranger or Orchestrator
- Music Publishing
- Recording or Live Sound Engineer

Concentrations

Concentrations in eight strategic areas allow for specialization. Each concentration is carefully crafted for the benefit and development of individual areas of strength and expertise:

- Songwriting
- Performance
- Music Production
- Global Worship
- Christian Ministries
- Youth Ministries
- Biblical Studies
- Art & Graphic Design



The Angeles Worship Initiative

As the recent recipient of a \$1 million grant from Lilly Endowment, Inc, Azusa Pacific is strategically engaging with churches to help innovate new models for youth ministry through worship and the arts.

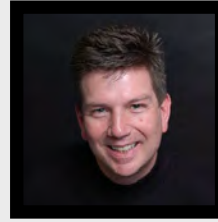
APU students participate as worship leaders, instructors, mentors, and counselors in events such as Worship Arts Lab, Songwriting & Scriptwriting Academy, and the Angeles Worship Summit.



APU Music & Worship Faculty & Clinicians



Stephen Martin, M.M.
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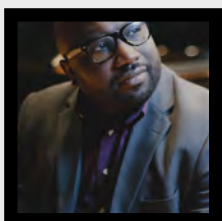
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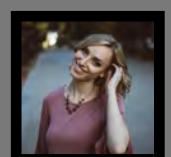


Brian Wurzell
Worship Pastor
Recording Artist
Clinician



Holland Davis
Songwriter, Worship Pastor
Lead Pastor
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The Music & Worship program and faculty at APU radically deepened my view of what worship is. The program equipped me with tools to teach, and in turn, deepen the understanding of worship within the youth ministry at my own church. — Sarah Sattler '16



APU Music & Worship Alumni



Melanie Tierce

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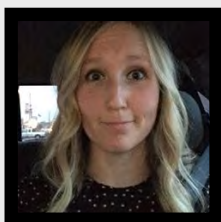
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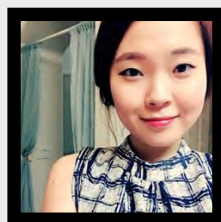
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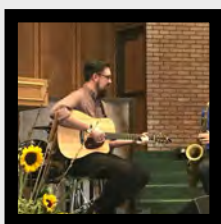
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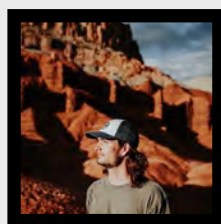
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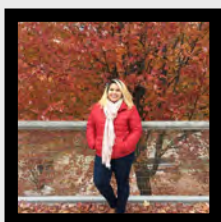
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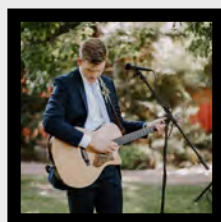
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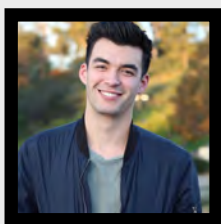
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Through studying the beauty of diverse traditions and practices around the world, I experienced worship in a new and fuller way.

— Chloe Hoy-Bianchi '18



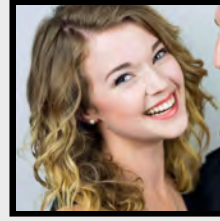
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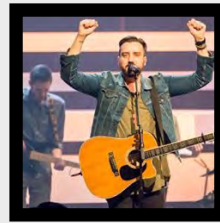
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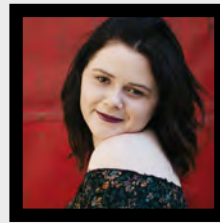
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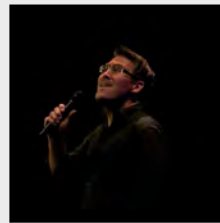
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