

# MASTER OF ARTS IN COMMUNITY MUSIC LEADERSHIP



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# Program Goals

Care

Care for the needs of diverse communities, honor cultural diversity, and promote inclusive environments.

Work

Work as planners, educators, performers, and administrators of participatory music activities.

Use

Use all forms of musical activity—performance, education, and creation—as a tool for social change.

# Core Objectives

Understanding

- The social role of music

Honing

- Practical performance skills

Acquiring

- Group teaching strategies

Designing

- Creative music programs

Orchestrating

- Vitality in community through music

# Three Specialized Tracks



**Artist-Teaching**



**Community Leadership**



**Global Mission**

# Required Courses

(18 credit hours)



Foundations of  
Community  
Music Practice



Community Music  
for Creative  
Entrepreneurship



Professional  
Apprenticeship



Community  
Music  
Pedagogies



Ensemble  
Leadership and  
Group Teaching  
Strategies



Community  
Music in the Age  
of AI

# Designated Electives

(12 credit hours)

The Art of Storytelling in Performance

Performance Forum

Audio Recording Technology and  
Production

Individual Topics of Research

Community-based Research Writing  
Project

Community Music Management and  
Administrative Technology

Internship in Community Organization

Human Growth and Lifespan  
Development

Global Mission Trip

Graduate Recital and Community  
Engagement

# Program Logistics



## **COMPLETION TIMELINE:**

GRADUATE  
WITHIN 16  
MONTHS



## **LEARNING FORMATS:**

CHOOSE  
FROM ON-  
CAMPUS OR  
FULLY ONLINE



## **FLEXIBILITY:**

PART-TIME  
TRACKS  
AVAILABLE



## **PATHWAY:**

5-YEAR PLAN  
FOR  
JUDSON  
UNDERGRAD  
UATES



## **TUITION:**

\$820 PER  
CREDIT  
  
SCHOLARSHIPS  
FOR QUALIFIED  
STUDENTS

# Community Music

**Promotes  
Participatory  
Music-making**

**Builds  
Identity and  
Belonging**

**Nurtures  
Health and  
Well-being**

# Community Music

**Encourages  
Cultural  
Diversity**

**Supports  
Underserved  
Individuals**

**Creates  
Social Change**

# Settings for Community Music Activities

Churches

After-school  
Programs

Community  
Music Schools

Park District  
Programs

Hospitals

Hospices

Retirement  
Communities

Prisons

Homeless  
Groups

People with  
Special Needs

Ethnic Groups

Community  
Music  
Initiatives  
At Judson



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# Drum Circle at the Boys & Girls Club



# Singing Group



## DIY Instrument Making

create your instruments  
out of recyclable items!

**Singing/Guitar/Ukulele  
Instruments Making Class  
at the Boys & Girls Club**

# Group Piano Class for underserved students



# Music Class for people with disabilities



# Group Singing Workshop at retirement communities



**“Singing for Healing”  
class  
at retirement  
communities**



# Bell Choir for early retirees



# Concerts at retirement communities



# Concerts at hospitals and community centers



# HopeShare Community Concert for Children 2022







# Children!

## Sing Across Cultures 2024

### Music Festival for Underserved Children



# Children!

## Sing Across Cultures 2025

### Music Festival for Underserved Children



# Selected Graduates Profile



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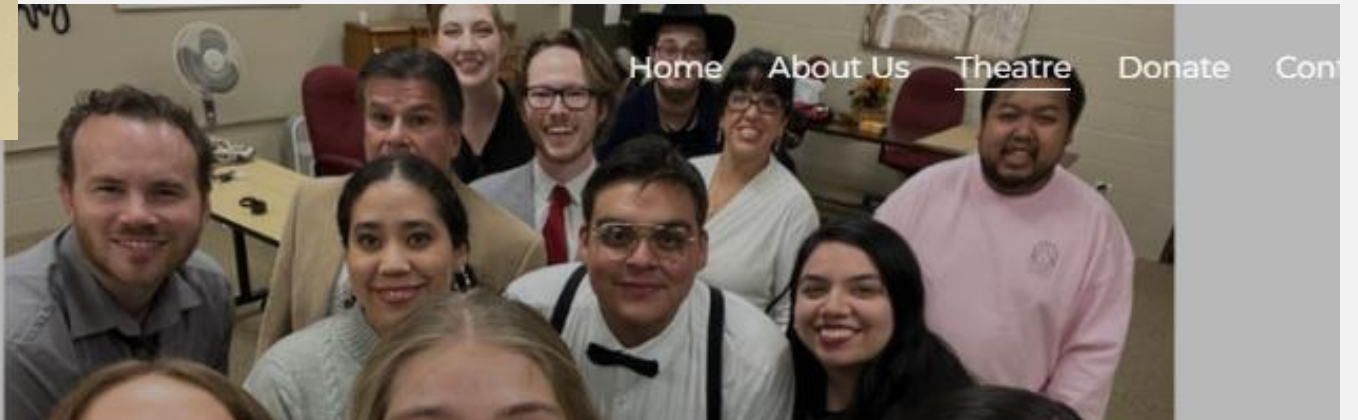
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# Tiger Khokunthod

Visiting Assistant Professor at  
Northwest University, WA





# Ahhae Song

Program Manager and Music Facilitator  
at the Center for Seniors, Chicago, IL

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# Joshua Myatzaw

- Director of the Karen Community Music Program
- Church Organist, Elgin, IL





## **Dami Son**

Founder/Teacher of Dami Music Academy  
Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

# Julie Boettcher

-Community Theatre Vocal Coach

-Singer-songwriter

Barrington, IL



# The Master of Arts in Community Music Leadership degree opens doors to...

<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Non-Profit Program Director</li> <li>• Community Arts &amp; Outreach Coordinator/Grant Writer</li> <li>• Arts Administrator/Policy Maker</li> </ul>	<p>Organize and manage music programs for social good.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arts Non-Profits or Community Music Schools</li> <li>• Arts &amp; Culture Foundations, Orchestras, or Opera Companies</li> <li>• Gov. Agencies</li> </ul>
<b>FACILITATION</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Music Activities Facilitator</li> <li>• Arts-in-Health Practitioner</li> <li>• Music &amp; Rehabilitation Workshop Leader</li> </ul>	<p>Lead therapeutic music sessions for social bonding and stress reduction.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Senior Centers, Youth Clubs, or Social Organizations</li> <li>• Hospitals or Hospices</li> <li>• Prisons or Correctional Centers</li> </ul>
<b>ENTREPRENEURSHIP</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Social Entrepreneur (e.g., a Music School for low-income communities)</li> <li>• Independent Workshop Leader or Ensemble Director</li> </ul>	<p>Operate a freelance business and provide classes, workshops, or performances.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Self-employed</li> <li>• Start-ups</li> </ul>
<b>EDUCATION</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• College/University Faculty</li> <li>• After-School Program Director</li> <li>• Early Childhood Music Educator</li> </ul>	<p>Teach music courses as a form of creative expression.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Higher-ed Institutions</li> <li>• Grade Schools</li> <li>• Academy for Toddlers and Pre-Ks</li> </ul>
<b>MISSIONS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Music &amp; Worship Arts Ministry Director</li> </ul>	<p>Build participatory music &amp; arts cultures.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local Churches</li> <li>• Christian Missions Organizations</li> </ul>

# A Message from the Director

Dr. Sojung Lee Hong  
Professor of Music



"For over 25 years, my career has been defined by a single mission: bridging the gap between the concert stage and community impact.

As an active pianist and educator, I believe that music's highest calling is to foster identity, belonging, and healing."





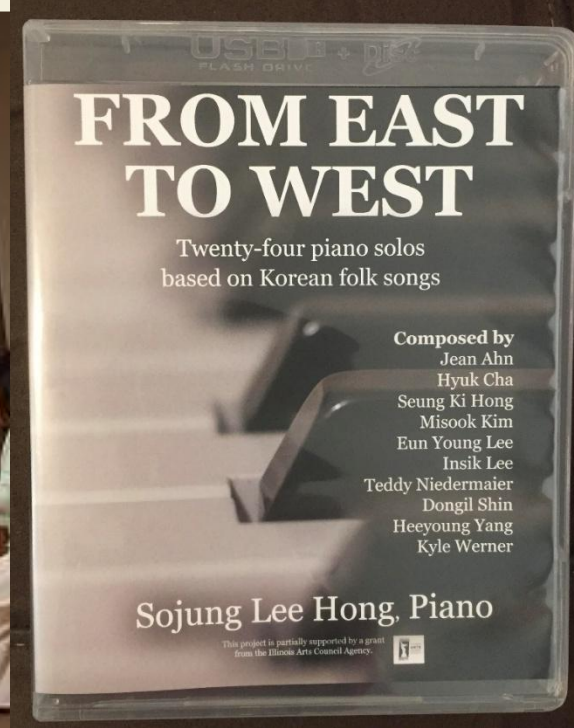
“I have seen firsthand how a seasonal concert can restore dignity to a senior resident and how a music workshop can empower a child in a culturally remote village.

These moments are not ‘side projects’—they are the future of the music profession.”



"As a recording artist, I specialize in cultural diversity and the integration of music and faith.

Today, I translate this lifetime of experience into my role as an educator and as the founder of Little Light Midwest Musicians, a non-profit dedicated to underprivileged groups."





“I am passionate about mentoring the next generation of Community Music leaders who use their gifts to transform society.”

# Be a Catalyst for Change

## Why Choose the MA in Community Music Leadership at Judson?

- **Mission-Driven Mentorship:** Learn directly from a faculty of experienced artist-advocates committed to faith, learning, and service.
- **The Chicago Extension:** Take advantage of our proximity to Chicago to lead music in diverse urban and suburban settings.
- **Purpose & Impact:** Our curriculum prepares you to bridge the gap between your skills and your desire to serve.



# Join Us in Shaping a World

## Your Next Step

We invite musicians who want to combine their faith with professional excellence.

- 1. Connect:** Reach out to the Director to discuss your career goals at [shong@judsonu.edu](mailto:shong@judsonu.edu).
  - 2. Visit:** Attend an information session by appointment.
  - 3. Apply:** Start your application.  
<https://www.judsonu.edu/program/master-of-arts-in-community-music/how-to-apply/>
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**Turn  
Passion  
into  
Profession**



## A Final Checklist

- ✓ **Application Deadlines:**
  - April 30 for Fall admission
  - Oct. 31 for Spring admission
- ✓ **Audition Details:** Contact the Director to schedule a live audition or email your performance video.
- ✓ **Scholarship Info:** Contact the Director for Financial Aid and GA scholarships.



## **More Information?**

Scan the QR code to access the program's webpage, YouTube channel, and Facebook page.

## **Ready to Apply?**

Contact the Director at [shong@judsonu.edu](mailto:shong@judsonu.edu)

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LEARNING AND SERVICE!**



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