



# Keyboard Study at Morningside

*There are many ways to be involved in campus life at Morningside College. One of the most gratifying creative endeavors we offer is our music program. If you play a keyboard instrument in high school, we encourage you to continue your musical studies at Morningside College. Our students find that participating in music here is enjoyable, educational, and enriching.*

Morningside College makes keyboard study (piano, harpsichord, organ) available to all students regardless of major or minor. For the student who intends to major in music with a keyboard emphasis, there are three different degree programs available: Bachelor of Music Education, Bachelor of Music, and Bachelor of Arts. A minor in music is also available.

## Performance Opportunities...

Solo performance opportunities abound at Morningside. Keyboard students have the opportunity to perform in Eppley Auditorium, a spectacular 1400 seat performance facility with two Steinway concert grand pianos and a forty-seven rank Holtkamp organ. Keyboard students are also offered the opportunity to perform in weekly seminars, regular departmental recitals and at various off-campus venues. Collaborative opportunities are also available in cooperation with string, brass, wind and vocal areas in the department. Students may register for Collaborative Piano or Chamber Music to receive academic credit for collaborative work. During selected semesters, Morningside also offers a unique performance experience to piano students through the Piano Ensemble, a group that specializes in works written for multiple pianos.

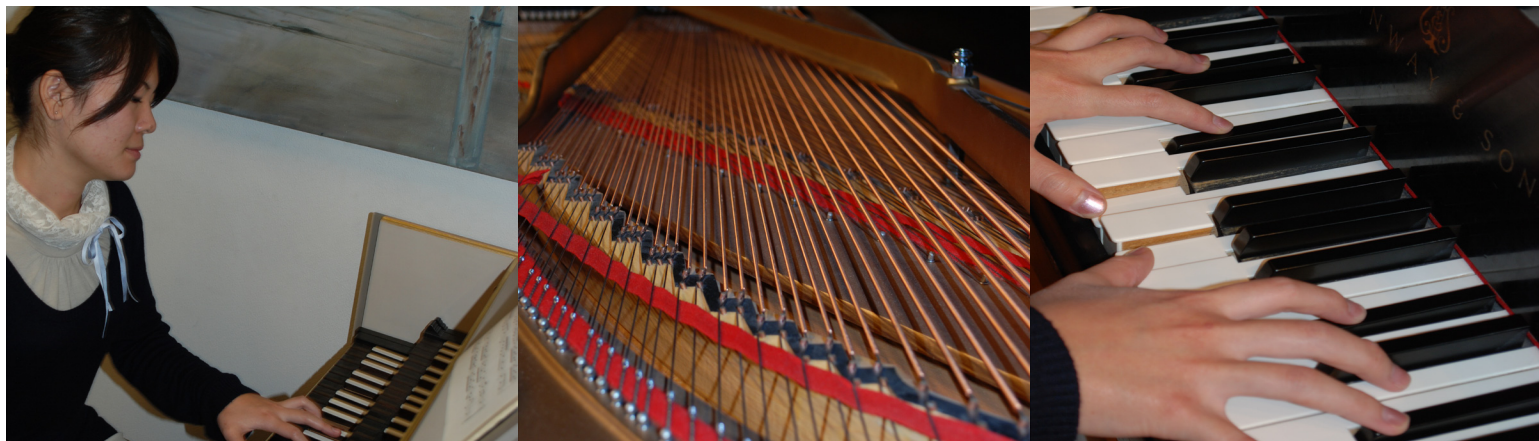
## Other Opportunities...

For qualified students interested in pursuing piano pedagogy, teaching opportunities are available through the Leo Kucinski Academy of Music. Morningside College offers specialized courses in Piano Pedagogy and Piano Literature. A course in Instrument Building has also been offered during May term.

## Facilities...

Morningside's newly renovated practice facilities are among the best in the region. Nearly all the practice pianos are fewer than four years old. In addition to the concert instruments mentioned above, Morningside's keyboard collection includes a magnificent French double harpsichord, an Italian virginal, a five rank Holtkamp practice organ, and an electronic keyboard lab equipped with computers, midi links and access to Sibelius software.





## Scholarships...

The Department of Music offers Celebration of Excellence Talent Scholarships in Music to deserving admitted applicants. Awards up to \$4,000 per year are available to both music majors and non-majors. This grant is awarded upon a successful audition during a student's senior year in high school. Additional scholarship money is available to pianists annually through the Elizabeth Sammons Scholarship Competition and the Harrington Scholarship.

## Music Participation Stipends...

Participation Stipends are available to keyboard students who meet department criteria by taking applied lessons or participating in collaborative activities. Students must perform an audition to be eligible. Participation stipends are \$750 per semester for a total of \$1500 per year.

### Keyboard Faculty

#### Dr. James March

Professor of Piano: DMA, MFA in Piano Performance and Pedagogy from the University of Iowa, BA from St. John's University

#### Dr. Kathryn Lucas March

Adjunct Professor of Piano: DMA, MFA in Piano Performance and Pedagogy with a minor in Theory Pedagogy from the University of Iowa, BM and BS (Biology) from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh.

#### Matthew Geerlings

Adjunct Professor of Organ: Matthew Geerlings, DMA candidate in Organ Performance, MA in Church Music from the University of Kansas, BM in Organ Performance from the University of Memphis

#### Jayne Koch

Collaborative Pianist: BA from Augustana College

#### Carolyn Price

Collaborative Pianist: BA in Music Education and Performance from Briar Cliff College

To view faculty biographies and to hear recordings of faculty performances, visit the Morningside College Music Department website at <http://music.morningside.edu>.

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