



American College of Music

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MISSION

The American College of Music is a private online graduate college committed to developing passionate educators, reflective scholars, and life-long learning. The College provides heuristic, hands-on knowledge as well as student-centered, research-based instruction. ACM's graduates are ready to live, adapt, and lead in an ever-changing, interconnected world. Through the process of teaching and learning, the American College of Music endeavors to achieve the following:

- To assist students in understanding the history, philosophy, and instruction of music.
- To empower students to experience the ineffability of performance, facilitate knowledge acquisition and recognize the meaning of aesthetics.
- To promote learner-centered pedagogy, critical thinking, and problem-solving.

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RULING YEAR

2020

IRS SUBSECTION

501(c)(3) Public Charity

FOUNDING YEAR

2019

MAIN ADDRESS

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AFFILIATION TYPE

Independent Organization

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Ben Ubovich

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Justin Poore

BOARD CHAIR

Justin Poore, MBA, ERA

SUBJECT AREA

Music

NTEE Code

Music (A68)

PROGRAMS

1. Masters in Music Education

Population(s) served: Adults, Academics, Artists and performers

POPULATIONS SERVED

1. Adults

2. Families

3. Artists and performers

COMPLIANCE

- ✓ IRS Pub 78 Verified as of October 2022
- ✓ IRS BMF 509(a) (2) as of October 11, 2022
Section 509(a)(2) organization

TRANSPARENCY MEASURES

- ✓ Board Practices Reported?
- ✗ Diversity Data Reported?

Programs & Results

PROGRAMS

Source: Self-Reported by Organization,
November 2022

Masters in Music Education

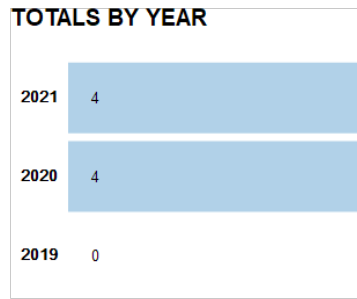
Population(s) Served: n/a

Degree Description

Masters in Music Education: 3 tracks – General Music, Vocal/Choral Music, and Instrumental Music). The degree is 100% online and is situated for students seeking advanced study in music education to promote their careers in public/private school teaching, seeking advanced qualifications to teach in community colleges, or seeking further graduate study beyond the masters.

RESULTS

Number of teachers involved in
school-wide decisions about student
learning



Population(s) Served: No target populations
selected

Related program: Masters in Music Education

CHARTING IMPACT

What is the organization aiming to accomplish?

- Design a 100% Online master's program for music educators with no required residency or out-of-state tuition. Expediating class time and program length to accommodate working educators' demanding schedules.
 - Keeping tuition rates affordable and providing low-interest private financing to graduate debt-free.
 - ACM Online curriculum is designed to increase the music educator's effectiveness in the classroom by incorporating heuristic (hands-on) learning, critical thinking, problem-solving, and mentorship into every offered course.
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What are the organization's key strategies for making this happen?

- Music educators created ACM's 100% Online master's program for music educators with no required residency or out-of-state tuition. The program consists of 5-ten-week quarters, graduating students in 15 months, expediting class time and program length to accommodate working educators' demanding schedules.
 - One of ACM's main priorities is to help music educators achieve their educational goals by keeping tuition rates affordable and providing low-interest private financing, culminating with a debt-free degree. Maintaining a cost-effective overhead and seeking individual donations and grants facilitates the program's success.
 - ACM Online curriculum is developed to increase the music educator's effectiveness in the classroom by incorporating heuristic (hands-on) learning, critical thinking, problem-solving, and mentorship into every offered course. As a result, ACM students will be able to overcome their educational challenges, have successful programs and become master teachers.
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What are the organization's capabilities for doing this?

ACM has developed the following blueprint for student success:

- ☒ A curriculum based on a student-centered heuristic, hands-on learning based on problem-solving and critical thinking.
 - ☒ We provide an extensive electronic library of books, journals, and literature.
 - ☒ We offer affordable student tuition with common sense financing options to avoid long-term student debt.
 - ☒ Successful class scheduling that accommodates working music educators two classes per session.
 - ☒ Masters program that ACM graduates in fifteen months.
 - ☒ Weekly, online instruction emphasizes at least two hours of peer-to-peer and instructor collaboration.
 - Keep tuition affordable by maintaining a cost-effective overhead and seeking individual donations and grants to facilitate the program's success.
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What have and haven't they accomplished so far?

In August 2021, the California Bureau of Private Postsecondary Education (BPPE) granted ACM permission to operate for admitting students. Present and potential students are attracted to ACM due to its affordable tuition, the convenience of online access, relatively short program length, and emphasis on collaboration and mentorship.

Financials

Source: Self-Reported by Organization, November 2022

FISCAL YEAR START: Jan/1

FISCAL YEAR END: Dec/31

Revenue & Expenses

Revenue		2021
Contributions, gifts, and grants		\$28,000
Program service revenue including government fees and contracts		\$0
Membership Dues		\$0
Net Income from Special Events		\$0
Other Revenue Amount		\$0
Total Revenue		\$28,000
Expenses		
Program		\$17,628
Administration		\$600
Fundraising		\$0
Payments to Affiliates		\$0
Other Expense		\$0
Total Expenses		\$17,028
ASSETS AND LIABILITIES		
Total Assets		\$0
Total Liabilities		\$0
Net Assets or Fund Balance at the end of year		\$10,372

Operations

Source: Self-Reported by Organization, November 2022

PRESIDENT/CEO

626-240-4621 Ben Anthony Ubovich PhD

[LinkedIn profile](#)

Ben A. Ubovich, PhD

A dedicated musician, educator and clinician/adjudicator, Ben A. Ubovich's career spans over thirty years. Currently, Dr. Ubovich is President and CEO of the American College of Music, a private online graduate college committed to cultivating dedicated educators, reflective scholars, and lifelong learning. The college is dedicated to providing heuristic, hands-on knowledge as well as student-centered, research-based instruction.

Prior appointments include adjunct Associate Professor of music education/philosophy, music theory and research. Dr. Ubovich is also a sought-after clinician and adjudicator for the California School Band and Orchestra Association.

CFO/BOARD CHAIR

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- ☐ Review multitude of investment strategies and compare to current tax law to satisfy clientele financial planning needs according to clientele risk tolerance

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BOARD LEADERSHIP PRACTICES

GuideStar worked with BoardSource, the national leader in nonprofit board leadership and governance, to create this section, which enables organizations and donors to transparently share information about essential board leadership practices.

BOARD ORIENTATION & EDUCATION

Does the board conduct a formal orientation for new board members and require all board members to sign a written agreement regarding their roles, responsibilities, and expectations?	Yes
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CEO OVERSIGHT

Has the board conducted a formal, written assessment of the chief executive within the past year?	Yes
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ETHICS & TRANSPARENCY

Have the board and senior staff reviewed the conflict-of-interest policy and completed and signed disclosure statements in the past year?	Yes
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BOARD COMPOSITION

Does the board ensure an inclusive board member recruitment process that results in diversity of thought and leadership?	Yes
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BOARD PERFORMANCE

Has the board conducted a formal, written self-assessment of its performance within the past three years?	Yes
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Organizational Demographics

Who works and leads organizations that serve our diverse communities? This organization has voluntarily shared information to answer this important question and to support sector-wide learning. GuideStar partnered on this section with CHANGE Philanthropy and Equity in the Center.

Leadership

The organization's leader identifies as:

Race & Ethnicity	Decline to state
Gender Identity	Male
Sexual Orientation	Decline to state
Disability Status	Decline to state

Race & Ethnicity

No data

Gender Identity

No data

Sexual Orientation

No data

Disability

No data.

Appendix

Key Documents		
IRS Forms 990		Not Available
IRS Forms 990T		Not Available
Audited Financial Statements	2020 Audited Financial Statement	
Key Organization Documents		Not Available

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✓ Foundation Status Code: PC*

✓ Public charity described in section 509(a)(1) or (2)

IRS Publication 78 Details			<div>✓ IRS Pub 78 verified</div>
Organization name	Location	Most recent IRS Publication 78	
American College of Music	Pasadena, CA	October 2022	
EIN	<u>Deductibility status description</u>	Verified with most recent Internal Revenue Bulletin	
83-4287861	A public charity (50% deductibility limitation).	September 26, 2022	

IRS Business Master File Details			IRS BMF	509(a)(2)
Organization name	Most recent IRS BMF	Reason for Non-Private Foundation Status		
AMERICAN COLLEGE OF MUSIC	October 11 2022	Section 509(a)(2) organization		
EIN	IRS subsection	Ruling date		
83-4287861	This organization is a <u>501(c)(3) Public Charity</u>	03/2020		
This organization was not included in the Office of Foreign Assets Control Specially Designated Nationals (SDN) list.				

On September 8, 2011, the IRS issued [regulations](#) which eliminated the advance ruling process for a section 501(c)(3) organization. [Learn more](#)

* The Foundation Status Code is the code that foundations are required to provide for each grantee annually on part XV of Form 990PF. Note that this code cannot be derived in some cases (e.g., supporting organizations for which 'type' can't be determined).

[IRS Revenue Procedure 2011-33](#) allows grantors to rely on third-party resources, such as GuideStar Charity Check, to obtain required Business Master File (BMF) data concerning a potential grantee's public charity classification under section 509 (a) (1), (2) or (3).

GuideStar Charity Check Data Sources

- GuideStar acquires all IRS data directly from the Internal Revenue Service.

-[IRS Publication 78 \(Cumulative List of Organizations\)](#) lists organizations that have been recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as eligible to receive tax-deductible contributions.

-The [IRS Internal Revenue Bulletin](#) (IRB) lists changes in charitable status since the last Publication 78 release. Between the release of IRS Publication 78 and the subsequent IRS Internal Revenue Bulletin, the IRB date will reflect the most recent release date of IRS Publication 78.

-The [IRS Business Master File](#) lists approximately 1.7 million nonprofits registered with the IRS as tax-exempt organizations.
- The [IRS Automatic Revocation of Exemption List](#) contains organizations that have had their federal tax-exempt status automatically revoked for failing to file an annual return or notice with the IRS for three consecutive years.

-The Foundation Status Code is a value derived by mapping the codes found on the [990PF filing instructions](#) to the corresponding codes in the IRS BMF. Note that not all codes are able to be mapped due to insufficient data.

-The Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) [Specially Designated Nationals \(SDN\) list](#) organizations that are owned or controlled by targeted individuals, groups, and entities, such as terrorists or narcotics traffickers. Their assets are blocked and U.S. persons are generally prohibited from dealing with them.