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Founded in 1865 and situated amid the intellectual vitality of Oberlin College, the **Oberlin Conservatory of Music** is the oldest continuously operating conservatory in America and the only major conservatory dedicated primarily to the education of undergraduate musicians. Hailed as a “national treasure” by *The Washington Post*, Oberlin was awarded the National Medal of Arts by President Obama in February 2010. Since 1920, Oberlin has also been a leader in providing unmatched opportunities to combine rigorous pre-professional music training with a thorough liberal arts education, allowing students to complete two undergraduate degrees (BM and BA) in five years or fewer.

In the past decade alone, Oberlin ensembles have performed in important concert halls in New York City, Shanghai, Beijing, Los Angeles, Cleveland, and Washington, D.C. Graduates of Oberlin hold key roles in major orchestras throughout the world. Through their work on campus and beyond, Oberlin students, faculty, and alumni play a critical role in elevating communities worldwide through music.

Oberlin graduates have won countless Grammy Awards, prominent fellowships, and international competitions. Many of them have attained national and international stature as performers, conductors, and composers, among them Jennifer Koh, Steven Isserlis, Jeremy Denk, Elizabeth DeShong, David Adam Moore, George Walker, Christopher Rouse, Huang Ruo, David Zinman, Robert Spano, and James Feddeck. The contemporary music sphere enjoys the contributions of Oberlin-trained eighth blackbird, as well as founding members of the International Contemporary Ensemble, Talea Ensemble, and So Percussion. Oberlin alumni perform in the early music ensembles of Apollo’s Fire, Rebel, Wayward Sisters, and Smithsonian Chamber Players, as well as the Miró, Pacifica, and Fry Street quartets. Still others go on to prominence as scholars, educators, and arts administrators. Oberlin leads all undergraduate institutions in the number of graduates who go on to earn doctorates in music.

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