TOP TEN REASONS TO STUDY BASSOON AT BUTLER UNIVERSITY

1. **World-class faculty**: Bassoon students at Butler study with Professor Doug Spaniol. A tenured Professor, Dr. Spaniol is now in his 22nd year as a full-time member of Butler’s faculty. See full bio at [butler.edu/music/faculty-staff](http://butler.edu/music/faculty-staff).

2. **Top-notch bassoon studio**: You’ll be joining an awesome bassoon studio! Butler maintains a high-quality bassoon studio of appropriate size, assuring students ample ensemble experience and a healthy level of competition. Butler bassoon students have placed in the Meg Quigley Vivaldi Competition, the IDRS Young Artist Competition, and have won numerous concerto competitions with the Butler Symphony Orchestra and others. Check out the Butler Bulldog Bassoon Band performing “Bohemian Rhapsody” at the 2012 IDRS Conference: [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-0DGrQnPv_k](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-0DGrQnPv_k)

3. **Substantial scholarships**: Undergraduate students are eligible for substantial academic and music scholarships. Graduate students are eligible for tuition waivers or assistantships. Find more info at [butler.edu/music](http://butler.edu/music)

4. **Ensemble opportunities**: Bassoonists may participate in the Butler Wind Ensemble (led by Professor Michael Colburn, former conductor of “The President’s Own” U.S. Marine Band); the Butler Symphony Orchestra (led by Richard Auldon Clark, founder of the Manhattan Chamber Orchestra); and several other ensembles. We have quality Fox bassoons and a Fox contrabassoon available for student use in ensembles and lessons.

5. **Studio and reed-making classes**: These are both held weekly. Studio classes are used for student performances, bassoon ensemble, etc., and to discuss issues such as bassoon care and repair, professional opportunities, and audition preparation. Reed-making classes meet in our designated reed room which is equipped with high-end Rieger tools. We also have a studio recital and mock auditions each semester.

6. **Butler University Bassoon Reed Company**: Butler is the only school with a bassoon studio that runs a real business manufacturing and selling bassoon reeds! (Check it out at [butlerreeds.com](http://butlerreeds.com)) For students, this means real-life professional experience helping to run a company, a great part-time job on campus, and extra practice making reeds.

7. **Butler Community Arts School (BCAS)**: Advanced students can become BCAS Teaching Fellows and have the opportunity to teach privately through the Butler Community Arts School on and off campus--another opportunity for real-life professional experience! Learn more at [butler.edu/bcas](http://butler.edu/bcas).

8. **Butler University Double Reed Day**: Double Reed Day is an annual event featuring special guest bassoonists. Past guests include Christopher Weait, Michael Rabinowitz, Paul Nordby, and many more.

9. **Vibrant arts community**: Indy is a great arts town with concerts by the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra, Indianapolis Chamber Orchestra, Indianapolis Opera, and more. Many concerts and events take place on campus at the Butler Arts Center. Other arts events and concerts take place in downtown Indianapolis – just a short drive from Butler’s campus.

10. **Gigs**: Butler students have performed with the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra, Indianapolis Chamber Orchestra, Louisville Orchestra, Fort Wayne and Evansville Philharmonic Orchestras, and in recording studios, schools, and churches in central Indiana and beyond.