



Current Student Profiles

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Major: Music Theory/Comp
Year in School: Junior

-Post Graduation plans? I hope to go on to grad school in New York and learn how to write musicals. Either that or I hope to be involved in scoring films.

-How have you grown as a musician? I have grown IMMENSELY as a musician. Three years ago I couldn't tell a chord progression from a funeral procession. Now I can identify keys, play said keys on a piano with my functional keyboard skills, identify a fully diminished seventh chord from a major seventh chord and so on. My practice discipline has gotten so much better as well. I've taken up two more instruments since joining the WPC music department and it's because I'm surrounded by talented musicians who truly know their stuff. I'm constantly challenged to be better and always supported in my attempts to do so.

-What do you learn 'beyond' music? I never really took music that seriously before coming here and as a freshman, I had no idea what I was getting into. I've always been one to second guess myself and say "what am I doing here? I know nothing about music, why am I wasting so much tuition money? Why didn't I go to L.A and become a movie star like I wanted when I was 13?" Well, I chose Warner because of the community. I've grown so much as a person in the last three years and I know it's because of the awesome people that are in this department. I know if I had gone to L.A, I would've lost my connection with God and become a mindless fame-obsessed drone like the majority of the L.A population. In coming here, I've been challenged to really think about my faith and take it seriously. I'm surrounded by people who are much more pulled together and much more articulate in how they think than I am. I've always been afraid of anything that makes me uncomfortable and in three years I've learned to sit in the uncomfortable and really contemplate it. I've really become comfortable with who I am and what I am capable of because of the supportive, Christ-centered community. I've discovered myself.

