Duke
DEPARTMENT of MUSIC *Class of 2026*

CYNTHIA MA

Major: Computer Science
Minor: Music (Score-Focused)

Duke Music Highlight

Playing chamber music with friends, taking music theory classes, Biddle fountain concerts, and watching my friends perform! I've made some of my fondest memories with friends in Biddle both from classes and outside of them. During my time at Biddle, I participated in chamber music, music history, and music theory classes, all which I found to be deeply enriching. Beyond developing my musicianship, music at Duke has definitely shaped my learning and thinking in all areas.

What's Next

I will be working as a software engineer in Sunnyvale, California.

Music Mentors

- Hsiao-Mei Ku
- Caroline Stinson
- Nicholas Stoia
- Gabriel Richard

"I would recommend taking music classes to explore areas of music you are unfamiliar with or even initially uninterested in. Not knowing much about baroque music, I took a baroque music research class early on where I learned so much and even got to learn a bit of baroque violin with Professor Gabriel Richard."