

DAVID JOHNSTON



MAJOR: HISTORY
MINOR: MUSIC

Primary Faculty: Dr. Verena Mösenbichler-Bryant (Wind Symphony, conducting)
Prof. Stephen Jaffe (composition)

Biddle Highlights: Conducting Incantation and Dance with the Wind Symphony, the Viennese Ball, that one time I came all the way here from West only to realize I had left my practice room key (rip).

For future students: The music department at Duke is full of wonderful students and faculty! I've had a great experience as a music minor, and the flexibility made available with the class requirements for that have allowed me the opportunity to explore a wide variety of subjects, such as composition, instrumental conducting, music theory, and music history. If you're interested in studying music at Duke, but the major seems like too much or you're more interested in majoring in something else, I would highly suggest the minor or joining an ensemble (or both, like me)! Whatever you do, studying music at Duke is a great experience.

After Duke: Currently unknown, but I plan on moving to and working in the Washington D.C. area!

Thanks so much to all of the wonderful professors I've had and all of the amazing people I've played alongside here at Duke! You've made my time here truly special.