

# Artistic Practice and Career Planning for Music Performance Students: Promoting Learning Development and Expanding Artistic Pathways

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**Abstract:** *The artistic practice and career planning of music performance students are closely related. This article aims to explore how artistic practice promotes students' learning development and positively influences their career planning. Firstly, we analyze the role of artistic practice among music performance students, emphasizing its significance and how it can empower students to enrich their artistic development. Secondly, we discuss the importance of career planning in students' development and explore its positive impact. Additionally, we analyze the current status of artistic practice and career planning. Finally, we examine the relationship between artistic development and career planning, and discuss how to integrate them to further enhance students' growth.*

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## 1. Introduction

Music performance students face the challenge of pursuing excellence in the field of arts. There is a close connection between their artistic practice and career planning. Good artistic practice can enhance students' skills and artistic expression, while career planning provides them with clear direction and goals for the future. Therefore, understanding how artistic practice influences students' learning and development and how it mutually reinforces career planning is of great importance in cultivating outstanding music performance students. Firstly, artistic practice has a positive impact on students' learning and development. By participating in various artistic activities, students can continuously improve their skills. For example, they can refine their playing techniques and performance abilities by playing musical instruments, participating in choirs or orchestra performances, and so on. This practice not only strengthens students' musical skills but also cultivates their spirit of teamwork and communication abilities. Artistic practice can also help students discover their potential and interests in the arts, thereby clarifying their learning goals. At the same time, career planning provides students with clear direction and goals. Through career planning, students can better understand the artistic field they are pursuing and develop corresponding plans for advancement. They can gain practical career experience and professional knowledge by consulting mentors, participating in industry activities, and internships, among other methods. Career planning also helps students understand the trends and demands of the current art industry, enabling them to better adapt to the future job market. There is a mutually reinforcing relationship between artistic practice and career planning. Artistic practice provides students with opportunities to practice and showcase their artistic talents, allowing them to constantly improve and enhance their skills through practice.

Career planning, on the other hand, provides students with clear goals and plans, helping them integrate artistic practice with personal career development. By clarifying their career goals, students can selectively choose appropriate artistic practice projects to enhance their professional skills in specific areas.<sup>[1]</sup>

To cultivate outstanding music performance students, schools and educational institutions should emphasize the importance of artistic practice and provide students with diverse and rich practical opportunities. This can include student participation in school concerts, music competitions, theatrical performances, and other activities. Additionally, schools can collaborate with the community to organize internship programs or cooperate with relevant artistic institutions, exposing students to the actual work environment in the arts. These practical experiences will help students enhance their artistic skills and increase their competitiveness in the job market. Teachers and mentors play important

roles in students' artistic development and career planning. They should closely monitor students' learning and growth and provide professional guidance and advice. Teachers and mentors can engage in regular communication and feedback with students, helping them identify their strengths and areas for improvement. They can also share their career experiences and industry knowledge, helping students understand the current state and development trends of the art industry. Through close collaboration with students, teachers and mentors can assist them in developing personalized career plans and provide necessary support and resources.<sup>[2]</sup>

## **2. Role of Artistic Practice**

Artistic practice allows students to fully utilize their subjective initiative and creativity, engaging in various forms of artistic activities. It involves applying the skills and knowledge taught by teachers in flexible ways, repeatedly practicing and refining them to deepen and improve their learning. Here, we will explore the importance of artistic practice in detail.

### ***2.1 Enhancement of Students' Skills through Artistic Practice***

Artistic practice plays a crucial role in enhancing students' skills. Through different forms of artistic practice, students can identify areas of improvement in their learning processes, enabling them to apply the techniques and knowledge taught by teachers more proficiently and effectively. Artistic practice also provides students with platforms to showcase their skills, broadening their horizons and enriching their musical styles.

### ***2.2 Cultivation of Students' Artistic Expression through Artistic Practice***

Artistic practice significantly influences the development of students' artistic expression. By performing on stage, students can enhance their stage presence, master stage performance techniques, and facilitate musical communication. Through diverse forms of artistic practice, students can learn different types of musical works, understand various music styles from different periods, expand their own musical styles, and enrich their artistic expression. Furthermore, artistic practice encourages students to explore their own musical styles. With each artistic practice, they can experiment with different playing methods and techniques, ultimately developing their unique style and enhancing their artistic expression.<sup>[3]</sup>

### ***2.3 Leveraging students' subjective initiative and enriching their artistic development***

Harnessing students' subjective initiative is a crucial factor in conducting artistic practice. Every successful artistic practice involves students' active participation in planning, designing, stage management, and post-event promotion. Through these processes, students not only enhance their professional skills but also develop their psychological resilience, stage experience, and on-the-spot responsiveness, thereby enriching their artistic development.

Artistic practice has a significant impact on students' development. It serves as a vital component for improving their skills, cultivating their artistic expression, and unleashing their subjective initiative. In the current era, universities and colleges should actively organize artistic practice initiatives for students, meeting their developmental needs and nurturing high-quality artistic talents.

## **3. The importance of career planning**

Career planning refers to the process of choosing a suitable career path based on factors such as personal interests and abilities, and planning one's career accordingly as society develops. With the progress of time and rapid economic development, various fields are constantly changing, and individuals face increasing challenges. Therefore, developing an effective and suitable career plan has become increasingly important.<sup>[4]</sup>

### ***3.1 The guiding role of career planning in student development***

Student development is inseparable from the guidance of career planning. Through career planning, students can analyze the subjective and objective conditions of their learning and environment,

determine their goals to be achieved during the college stage, and grasp their career direction and needs in a timely manner, thereby enhancing their competitiveness in society. For music students, who often have a clearer employment direction, most students have relatively specific development goals. Therefore, when formulating a career plan, students should consider their own conditions, seek advice from career counselors, parents, academic advisors, and alumni, in order to develop a career development plan suitable for their own college experience and specific implementation measures.

### ***3.2 The impact of career planning on goal setting and career development plans for students***

Career planning can better help students develop career development plans and achieve career goals. Students should make clear plans when entering college, dividing their college years into different stages. In the first year, students are introduced to the theoretical knowledge of career planning. In the second year, they explore their career interests based on their own needs and formulate career plans. In the third year, they can participate in career practices, learn to create resumes, search for job information, and further develop their skills. In the fourth year, they can search for target positions according to their plans and make the transition from school to the job market. In addition, career planning enables students to stay informed about industry trends and prospects, and develop career plans that are adaptable to the market, thereby achieving career goals.

### ***3.3 The importance of career planning in self-awareness and self-positioning for students***

Career planning is of great significance for students' self-awareness and self-positioning. Through career planning, students can gain in-depth understanding of their strengths and weaknesses, and have a clear awareness of the opportunities and challenges in the external environment. It helps students to position themselves effectively and maximize their strengths while exploring their potential to compensate for their weaknesses.

### ***3.4 The significance of career planning in personal development and the improvement of comprehensive qualities for students***

The development of students' personalities and the improvement of their comprehensive qualities are closely related to the guidance of career planning. In the development of modern education, there is increasing emphasis on students' personal development and comprehensive qualities, respecting their diversity. By conducting effective career planning for students, their individual development can be nurtured, connecting their personal growth with societal development. This enables students to understand themselves, understand society, achieve personal development, and comprehensively enhance their qualities, allowing them to create value and realize their potential.

Career planning is an indispensable part of students' music education. It not only provides guidance for their development but also helps them set goals, formulate career development plans, and enhances their self-awareness and self-positioning. Therefore, schools should attach greater importance to students' career planning, strengthen career planning education, and ensure that students can apply their knowledge and skills effectively.<sup>[4]</sup>

## **4. The development and current status of artistic practice and career planning**

The status of artistic practice and career planning in higher education music is becoming increasingly prominent. However, implementing artistic practice and career planning is an extremely complex process. In this section, we will analyze the current trends and developments in artistic practice and the application of career planning in the field of education.

### ***4.1 Current Trends and Developments in Artistic Practice***

In the context of the new era, higher education music teaching actively organizes a variety of artistic practices, making full use of platforms and resource advantages to create various types of artistic practices within and outside the curriculum. This allows students to develop comprehensively in artistic practice and cultivate well-rounded, multi-level music professionals.

Currently, there are still some shortcomings in the implementation of artistic practice in higher education. Specifically, there is a heavy emphasis on developing fundamental technical skills in many

universities, while neglecting the cultivation of comprehensive qualities. Many universities focus their artistic practice on students with high levels of expertise, leaving little attention to average students and having a narrow scope of influence. The activities are often monotonous, and students have unclear understanding, resulting in a lack of attractiveness for students to participate. Many students also see it as meaningless. It is important to integrate artistic practice activities into various aspects of higher education, expand the scope of artistic practice, enrich its forms, and enhance students' understanding of artistic practice.

#### ***4.2 The Application of Career Planning in the Field of Music Education***

The establishment of a career planning system is a long and complex process that requires continuous exploration and improvement. Additionally, the field of music has its own specific and directed employment characteristics. However, the importance of career planning in the field of music education is evident, whether it is for society, educational institutions, or individuals. However, currently, most music students have a low level of awareness regarding career planning and are still unsure how to effectively utilize and realize its value. Therefore, students in music education should contemplate how to deepen self-awareness, improve career planning abilities, and explore their own potential.

The development and application of artistic practice and career planning require collective efforts from various aspects. Throughout the development process, it is necessary to consider differences and diversities, aiming to improve the development and application of artistic practice and career planning to cultivate high-quality and outstanding music professionals in higher education.

### **5. The relationship between artistic development and career planning**

Artistic development and career planning are closely intertwined and mutually reinforcing. Artistic practice can enhance students' skills, artistic expression, and overall qualities, while career planning provides students with clear goals and directions. In this section, we will analyze the impact of artistic practice on career planning, how to integrate artistic development with career planning, and provide strategies and suggestions for further student development.

#### ***5.1 The Impact of Artistic Development on Career Planning***

Artistic practice can enhance students' career self-awareness, career awareness, and understanding of career planning. Through a series of artistic activities, students can improve their communication skills, organizational abilities, aesthetic abilities, and more. Artistic practice can help students identify shortcomings in the learning process, enhance self-awareness and positioning, and reflect on whether the chosen career is suitable, which is conducive to formulating personalized career plans.

#### ***5.2 How to Integrate Artistic Development with Career Planning***

To further cultivate high-quality music professionals and promote student development, it is necessary to integrate artistic development with career planning. However, combining artistic development with career planning requires efforts from schools, society, educational institutions, and other stakeholders.

Schools should further develop and improve relevant artistic practices by integrating practice with the curriculum and encouraging active student participation. Educational institutions can collaborate with schools to conduct distinctive extracurricular artistic practices, allowing students to grow through practical experiences. In the community, personalized artistic practices can be conducted, combining regional characteristics, while providing guidance on career planning aspects during artistic practice to deepen students' understanding of careers.

#### ***5.3 Strategies and Suggestions for Further Student Development***

Career planning is particularly important for students in the field of music, given its specific and directed employment characteristics. To integrate artistic development with career planning, it is not only the responsibility of schools, educational institutions, and society but also requires the active involvement of mentors and students.

Mentors are the most familiar with students' professional abilities. Their role in career planning should be fully utilized. Students can frequently seek advice from their subject teachers or invite them to be their career planning mentors. This way, students can closely combine their professional abilities with career planning and leverage their strengths. Students should actively participate in both in-class and extracurricular artistic practices to enhance their stage skills, professional abilities, and artistic expression, thereby enhancing their career advantages.

Artistic practice and career planning are mutually reinforcing. Currently, integrating artistic practice with career planning is a complex and lengthy process that requires collaborative efforts from various stakeholders.

## 6. Conclusion

Artistic practice and career planning are inseparable for students in music performance programs. Artistic practice enhances students' skills and artistic expression, promoting their learning and development. Career planning provides students with clear directions and goals, helping them formulate career development plans. Integrating artistic practice with career planning can further foster student development. To cultivate outstanding students in music performance programs, it is recommended that schools and educational institutions provide ample opportunities for artistic practice, encourage active student participation in practical activities, and offer comprehensive career guidance and support. Additionally, teachers and mentors play crucial roles in students' artistic development and career planning. They should collaborate closely with students, providing professional advice and guidance to help students achieve their artistic and career goals.

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