



TEL AVIV UNIVERSITY
The Lowy International School



**THE BUCHMANN-MEHTA
SCHOOL OF MUSIC
TEL AVIV UNIVERSITY**

**FOUR-YEAR
BACHELOR OF
MUSIC (B.MUS.)**

**TWO-YEAR
MASTER OF
MUSIC (M.MUS.)**

**TWO-YEAR
ARTIST
DIPLOMA (A.D.)**

**ONE-YEAR
EXCHANGE
PROGRAM**

THE INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM FOR OUTSTANDING STUDENTS

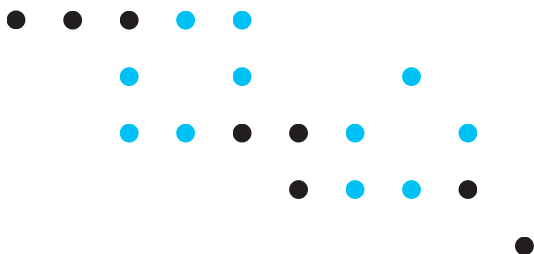
2026-2027 ACADEMIC YEAR

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Buchmann-Mehta School of Music (BMSM) was founded in 2005 as a unique partnership between Tel Aviv University (TAU) and the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra (IPO). Its establishment was made possible through the generosity of philanthropist Josef Buchmann, the School's Patron. Maestro Zubin Mehta, former IPO Music Director, serves as the BMSM's Honorary President.

The School's mission is to train outstanding young musicians and music researchers, preparing them for professional careers as soloists, chamber musicians, composers, conductors, and scholars. The BMSM Orchestral Training Program further aims to cultivate the next generation of orchestral musicians for the IPO and leading ensembles in Israel and around the world.

The BMSM has been home to many great artists, including **Itzhak Perlman**, **Pinchas Zukerman**, **Kati Debretzeni**, **Yefim Bronfman**, **Boris Berman**, and **Menahem Pressler**, alongside rising stars such as **Lahav Shani**, **Boris Giltburg**, and **Gal James**.



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- **Official partner** of the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra
- **Study** in English with world-class faculty and renowned international performers
- **Participate** in masterclasses with the IPO's distinguished guest artists
- **Learn** in an intimate and intensive environment
- **Perform** professionally in Israel's premier concert venues
- **Experience** the vibrant cultural life of Tel Aviv
- **Full tuition** scholarship for all international students

THE INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM FOR OUTSTANDING STUDENTS OFFERS B.MUS., M.MUS., M.A., AND ARTIST DIPLOMA PROGRAMS IN:

- Strings
- Woodwind and Brass
- Percussion
- Piano
- Vocal Studies
- Orchestral and Choral Conducting (graduate studies only)
- Composition (graduate studies only)
- Musicology (M.A.)

One-year student exchange also available for all programs.

PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

All programs taught in English

Duration and Degree:

- 4-Year Bachelor of Music (B.Mus.)
- 2-Year Master of Music (M.Mus.)
- 2-Year Artist Diploma (A.D.)
- 1-Year Exchange Program

Free Tuition for all international students. Housing and financial assistance is available for outstanding candidates.

TEL AVIV UNIVERSITY AT A GLANCE

#1

Choice Among Israeli Students

#5

World Ranking for Entrepreneurship

#7

for Graduates Who Founded
Venture-Capital Backed Companies

#8

for Graduate-Established Unicorn
Companies Worth \$1 Billion

#13

Faculty Citation Impact

100

Top 100 Innovation University



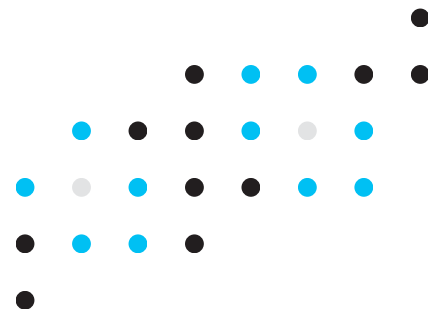
"The last three years have been an amazing experience both as a music student and a resident of Tel Aviv. I had wonderful lessons and master classes with world famous violinists and conductors; the whole experience here supported my future career."

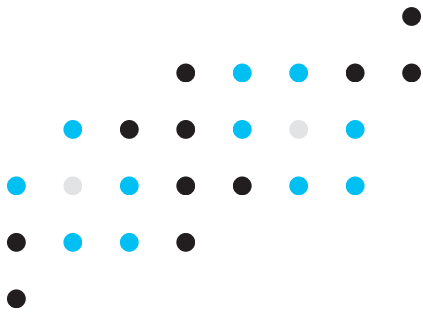
Polina Groshikova, Russia



"I am proud to be a student of the BMSM at Tel Aviv University. The staff and faculty are professional, welcoming, and always helpful, while the facilities are wonderful. Studying in the city of Tel Aviv also gives me an endless burst of energy and it's a pleasure to study for my degree here."

Illia Ovcharenko, Ukraine





PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

SCHOOL ENSEMBLES

The BMSM offers a wide range of instrumental and vocal ensembles, including a full symphony orchestra, opera ensemble, oratorio choir, chamber choir, contemporary music ensemble, and numerous chamber music groups. These ensembles provide students with rich opportunities to refine performance skills and gain experience.

All ensembles take part in the School's public concert series.



ORCHESTRAL TRAINING PROGRAM

The Buchmann-Mehta School of Music offers a high-level Orchestral Training Program with intensive practical experience in collaboration with the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra and its guest artists – the world's leading conductors and soloists. Each year, the BMSM Symphony Orchestra performs a festive gala concert under the baton of Lahav Shani, Music Director of the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, at its home, the Charles Bronfman Auditorium in Tel Aviv.

Members of the IPO audition and coach students toward each of the orchestral projects. Based on students' achievements, outstanding BMSM instrumentalists are selected to take part in the prestigious Practicum Program, where they are given the opportunity to join the IPO in its regular concert season, featuring renowned international guest conductors and soloists.

Thanks to the generous support of the Colton Family, the BMSM and the IPO have recently established the Colton Internship Program, which allows selected BMSM graduates (including international students) to join the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra for one season. Recipients of this prestigious internship receive a salary and individual lessons from IPO principal players.



MASTERCLASSES

The BMSM benefits from a continuous stream of **internationally acclaimed visiting artists**, who are invited to give masterclasses across all of the School's departments. Many of them are also guest artists of the IPO. Recent visiting artists include **Sir András Schiff, Yuja Wang, Emanuel Ax, Murray Perahia, Menahem Pressler, Itzhak Perlman, Pinchas Zukerman, Julian Rachlin, Gil Shaham, Yo-Yo Ma, Manfred Honeck, Gianandrea Noseda, Alan Gilbert, Christoph Eschenbach, Eva Mei, Thomas Hampson, Graham Johnson, Thomas Quasthoff, Martin Fröst, Radek Baborák, Christian Lindberg**, and many others.

COMPETITIONS

The BMSM holds annual competitions in all areas of musical performance and composition, encouraging student excellence and providing additional opportunities for professional development and artistic growth.

THE BMSM SUBSCRIPTION SERIES

The BMSM's concert series is one of the most successful in Israel, presenting over 100 performances each year. The program includes symphonic, chamber, vocal, keyboard, contemporary, and Baroque music concerts, as well as lecture series and special events featuring students, faculty members, alumni, and guest artists.



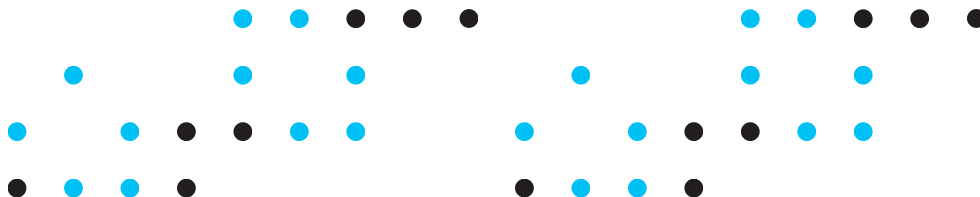
FACULTY

The School's faculty includes Israel's finest musicians and pedagogues, many of whom are **principal players in the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra**. In addition, the program's faculty includes internationally well-known artists such as **Arie Vardi, Hagai Shaham, Josef Bardanashvili, Sharon Rostorf-Zamir, Hillel Zori, and Yoav Talmi**.

Complemented by an intensive masterclass program, the School regularly hosts the world's leading soloists and conductors, further supporting students' artistic development.

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

The admission process includes a live or recorded audition, a review of previous studies and academic history, as well as theory examinations and an English proficiency test.



ABOUT TEL AVIV UNIVERSITY

Tel Aviv University (TAU)

Located in the heart of Israel's high-tech, business, and culture center, Tel Aviv University represents the country at its best – dynamic, innovative, cosmopolitan, and forward-looking.

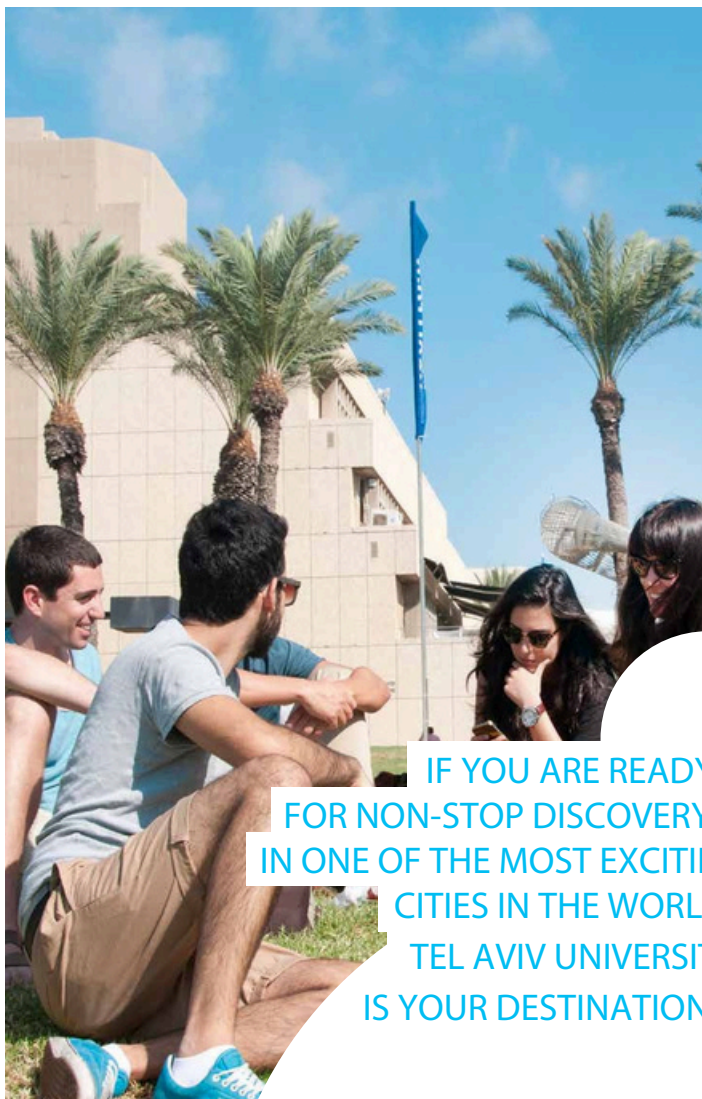
It is Israel's largest and most diversified institution of higher learning, with nine faculties and over 30,000 students, 1,200 researchers, and 125 schools and departments across the sciences, humanities, and arts.

The Lowy International School

The Lowy International School is a premier center for worldwide academic collaboration, advanced study, and research excellence.

The School offers 60+ English-led academic programs, taught by world-renowned faculty to more than 2,000 international students annually.

By bringing the world to Tel Aviv and Tel Aviv to the world, the school fosters a network of students, researchers and academics – making it the perfect place to transform ambition into meaningful impact.



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