

# Alumni Freiburg e.V. Helps University Big Band Purchase Amplification System

University of Freiburg students have a wide range of cultural and musical activities to choose from in their free time, including theater groups, the aka film club, the Academic Orchestra, and several choirs. A particularly attractive offering established in 2006 is the University Big Band. Alumni Freiburg e.V. supported the University Big Band this year by helping it to purchase an amplification system.

You can already hear it from a long way off. The closer you get, the easier it is to distinguish the individual notes. You go around the corner, and there it is: The Freiburg University Big Band. The trumpets ring out, the trombones blast, guitars and piano add tone color, and the bass and drums lay down a rhythmic backbone. How can the singer make herself heard in the midst of this sound explosion? She would practically have to scream.



Alumni Freiburg e.V. supports the University Big Band

To ensure that this doesn't happen, the Freiburg University Big Band purchased an amplification system this semester with financial support from Alumni Freiburg e.V. The musicians now have a mixing console, microphones, and speakers to give their soloists and singer the volume they need to be heard over the rest of the band. What good is a brilliant solo if it can't be heard? The amplification system is an excellent investment, because it gives the band more flexibility with regard to where it can

hold concerts, allowing it to shape cultural and musical life both at and outside of the university.

The Freiburg University Big Band, conducted by Birgit Ritter, has been organized as a nonprofit association since the fall of 2010. It is the University of Freiburg's only jazz band and includes students from all fields of study. The musicians play shows in and around Freiburg. Check their homepage for more information: [www.bigband.uni-freiburg.de](http://www.bigband.uni-freiburg.de).