Sarah Fox – Ogden Foundation Scholar

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WKU’s International Reach is what appealed most to a Russellville native when she was choosing a college.

Now four years, three countries and countless honors later, she is set to graduate.

Amy Bingham has more on her journey in this week’s View from the Hill.

Sarah Fox is a vocalist, an organist and a conductor. The music and history major is planning to use music to make a difference in this world.

All of her experiences at WKU have put her on the path to do just that.

“I loved how the louds were so loud they would rattle your body and the softs were so soft and I wanted to do that.”

Sarah Fox’s passion for music is not limited to the organ….

 “The Treble Makers have been an incredible part of my journey just throughout my time at WKU first as a singer then I was able to direct the group for a couple of semesters.”

Conducting has become a focus as well.

But it’s the study abroad she’s done in countries like England, Cuba and Austria that made Sarah realize she could harness music’s potential in order to help impoverished communities.

 “It was just an incredible experience and it was a watershed for me that all these different facets of my life, the ideas, started coming together so I knew that I loved music and my goal has always been to do something to really help people.”

To get a jump start on her dream, Fox received a grant to launch an after school Choir at T.C. Cherry Elementary.

She also developed a leadership course for Super Saturdays that encouraged students to make a difference around the world.

Which is exactly what she hopes to do with her music.

 “It’s just been an amazing journey. So many people have helped me along the way. I really can’t say enough for my professors and how they have prepared me.” 28:42 “The great thing about WKU is how open everyone is to helping you if ask.”
With funding from a Fulbright scholarship, Sarah is now set to pursue her masters in conducting at the University of Birmingham in England .

While there she plans to start a music program for low-income students, which she hopes will be the theme of her entire career.

 “I want to go where I can be the most help. I’m open to the future. I don’t know what will happen but I want to go where I’m continually learning and continually helping people.”

Fox is also part of the WKU Chorale and will travel with the group to Spain next week.

WKU’s 177th Commencement will be held this weekend. Graduate ceremonies will be held tomorrow night followed by undergraduate ceremonies at 9:30, two and six on Saturday.

Fox will deliver a speech as the Ogden Foundation Scholar at the 6 pm ceremony.

With this week’s View from the Hill, I’m Amy Bingham.

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