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CONVOCATION

May 2021

Mason Gross School of the Arts 2021 Commencement Convocation



Virtual Ceremony May 13, 2021 2:00 p.m.

MASON GROSS SCHOOL OF THE ARTS COMMENCEMENT CONVOCATION

"Pomp & Circumstance"

Scarlet Knight Jazz Trombone Ensemble

Professor Conrad Herwig, Director Marc Stasio, Coordinator of Jazz Studies

Kieran Bonsignore, Trombone, BM, '23
James Borowski, Trombone, DMA, '11
Ilan Eisenzweig, Guitar, BM, '21
Justin Farquhar, Bass Trombone, BM, '25
Graham Kozak, Bass, BM, '22
Adam Machaskee, Trombone, MM, '20
Nathan Morla, Trombone, BM, '22
David Mosko, Trombone, BM, '21
Matthew Rossi, Trombone, BS, '23
Jem Seidel, Drums, BM, '22
Ian Young, Trombone, BM '22

Welcome

Jason Geary, Dean Mason Gross School

Student Speaker

Sarah Eileen Bish DMA, Cello Performance, '21

Address

Paul D. Miller AKA DJ Spooky Multimedia Artist, Composer, Speaker

Tributes to Retiring Faculty

William Berz, Music, 1980-2021 Barbara Marchant, Theater, 1994-2021

Presentation of Mason Gross Awards

Marc Handelman, *Chair* Department of Art & Design

Julia M. Ritter, *Chair & Artistic Director*Department of Dance

Patrick Stettner, *Chair* Filmmaking Program

William Berz, *Director* Department of Music

Ellen Bredehoft, *Interim Chair*Department of Theater

Presentation of the Scott Cagenello Memorial Prize

Mandy Feiler Dean of Students

Recognition of Graduating Students

Dean Geary

Bachelor of Arts
Bachelor of Fine Arts and Bachelor of Music
Master of Fine Arts, Master of Music, and Master of Dance Education
Artist Diploma
Doctor of Musical Arts
Doctor of Philosophy

Alma Mater, On the Banks

Howard N. Fuller, 1874

Performed by the Rutgers University Glee Club

From far and near we came to Rutgers, And resolved to learn all that we can; And so we settled down, In that noisy college town, On the banks of the old Raritan.

On the banks of the old Raritan (my friends)
Where old Rutgers evermore shall stand,
For has she not stood
Since the time of the flood,
On the banks of the old Raritan.

Then sing aloud to Alma Mater And keep the scarlet in the van' For with her motto high Rutgers' name shall never die On the banks of the old Raritan.

MASON GROSS SCHOOL OF THE ARTS AWARDS

ART & DESIGN

Brovero Photography Prize

Excellence in Photography
Ariel Chen
Emily Elizabeth Graf
Kayla Mohanie Hill

Giza Daniels-Endesha Award

For outstanding performance in Art & Design Flynn Elliot Forester Jamie Noor Sophie Auger

The Mabett Prize

For special recognition in Visual Arts Thesis
Jake Shane McNamara
Giancarlo Antonio Venturini

The Laurie Spitz Prize

For special recognition in Design Thesis Jael Bae Pauline Quindara Yanes

Art & Design Award

For artistic accomplishment in Art & Design Suyang Gong Olympia Hancock Martin Jazmine Colivia McLaurin Kathleen May Sullivan

DANCE

Margery J. Turner Choreography Prize
For a work of exceptional group choreography
Sarah Anne Liebau
Ying Yu Lin
Kimberly Reyes

FILMMAKING

Dean's Filmmaking Prize

For overall excellence in filmmaking Finley Patrick King

Dean's Filmmaking Award

For excellence in directing Vincent Americo D'Alessandro Abigail Margaret Weinick

MUSIC

Irene Alm Memorial Prize

To a graduating doctoral student for excellence in performance and scholarly research Sarah Eileen Bish

Arthur G. Humphrey Memorial Prize

For outstanding work in keyboard music
Abraham Isaac Alinea

Michael Fardink Memorial Award

To an outstanding vocalist or accompanist Sonya Renee Headlam

Elizabeth Wyckoff Durham Award

For academic distinction and excellence in organ or piano performance Hyojung Kim

Ethyl Gloria Kinney Memorial Prize

For academic excellence and artistic accomplishment in jazz studies

David Tyler Mosko

A. Kunrad Kvam Award in Performance Music

For excellence in performance on a string instrument Glynnis Gourhan

John I. Bettenbender Memorial Performance Award

For outstanding graduate artistic achievement John Vernon Wilson III

Music Department Award

For excellence in performance Lingjun Song David Asthon Kjar

THEATER

Dr. Jaroslav and Grayce Susan Burian Prize

To a graduating theater student with the highest G.P.A.

Jean-William Mackler

INTERDEPARTMENTAL

Scott Cagenello Memorial Prize

To a student who has shown special commitment to helping others in the school or university community Kaden James Sophan Price

Bachelor of Arts

Honors are based on Fall 2020 Cumulative G.P.A.

Hannah Burke*	Music	Magna Cum Laude
Randy J. Campo	Theater	
Annie Cheng	Art	Summa Cum Laude
Andriana Nicole Chin	Dance	Magna Cum Laude
Roggi A. Chuquimarca	Theater	Magna Cum Laude
Mia M. Drelich	Theater	Magna Cum Laude
Ross Ferguson*	Theater	
Edlin Gulzari*	Theater	Magna Cum Laude
Hannah Haarklou*	Art	Cum Laude
Grace J. Hazen	Theater	Summa Cum Laude
Michael A. Herman	Art	Summa Cum Laude
Meghan A. Jordan	Theater	Magna Cum Laude
Eunice Kim*	Art	
Victoria Kreindler*	Theater	Cum Laude
Seasun Kwan*	Theater	Cum Laude
Michaela J. Lozada	Art	Summa Cum Laude
Jean-William Mackler	Theater	Summa Cum Laude
Rebecca A. Madeira	Music	Magna Cum Laude
Khadijah Malone*	Art	
Nicole Markovich	Art	
Mikayla A. McLaughlin	Dance	Cum Laude
Maya S. Mitterhoff**	Music	
Somina Mosaku**	Art	
Rachel M. Neer	Theater	Cum Laude
Katie M. Nguyen	Art	Magna Cum Laude
Jonathan K. Nwigwe	Art	Cum Laude
Rajat M. Ramekar	Music	Summa Cum Laude
Gina Rotondi*	Theater	
Gianna Sabo*	Dance	Cum Laude
Samkit J. Siyal	Theater	Magna Cum Laude
Tanvi Sood	Theater	
Nicolaus F. Stalzer	Music	
Mariam Sultan	Art	
Riti Suresh	Music	
Caren Willphine	Art	Magna Cum Laude
Emily J. Wrzos	Art	
San-Lu Yuan	Theater	

^{*}January 2021 **August 2021

Bachelor of Fine Arts and Bachelor of Music

Honors are based on Fall 2020 Cumulative G.P.A.

Oladayo Alade	Digital Filmmaking	Magna Cum Laude
Kayla Álvarez	Dance	Summa Cum Laude
Samantha Michelle Arthur	Theater	Cum Laude
PROMISE AKARU ASHU	Music	oum zaude
Jennifer Paige Bacon	Visual Arts	
Jael Bae	Design	Cum Laude
Carina Marie Banfitch	Visual Arts	
Camille Catherine Begley	Theater	
Shaniyah Keyashia Bernabela	Digital Filmmaking	Magna Cum Laude
Maxim Jean Gilbert Bouffard	Theater	Magna Cum Laude
Andrew Craig Burger	Design	
Joelle Ashley Carey	Visual Arts	
Kelly S. Carmack	Design	Magna Cum Laude
Mahkai Dominique Carroll	Theater	
Kyle Cameron Casem	Music	Summa Cum Laude
Ariel Chen	Design	Cum Laude
Walker Clermont	Theater	
Marcella Willette Cox	Theater	
Meghan Cathrine Crawford*	Theater	Magna Cum Laude
Catherine Jo Cusick*	Theater	Magna Cum Laude
Vincent Americo D'Alessandro	Digital Filmmaking	Cum Laude
Jessica M. Dell Beni*	Theater	Summa Cum Laude
Anthony Dell'Aquila	Music	
Joshua Walker Dillon*	Visual Arts	
Gabriella Elizabeth DiLollo	Design	
Jennifer Ann Dinan	Music	
Alexandria Pearl Eisen	Design	
Ilan Deglau Eisenzweig	Music	Summa Cum Laude
Cathryn Elizabeth Esposito	Design	Magna Cum Laude
Andrew Joseph Faulkenberry	Music	Summa Cum Laude
Pamela Ferrali	Music	Summa Cum Laude
Conor J. Finn	Design	
Flynn Elliot Forester	Visual Arts	Summa Cum Laude
Lydia Marie Forsythe*	Theater	Summa Cum Laude
Julia Frederique Foti	Dance	Magna Cum Laude
Joshua Daniel Friedman	Music	Magna Cum Laude
Nina Gabriel	Visual Arts	Cum Laude
Renia Louise Gardner	Dance	
Edward A. Ge	Design	Cum Laude
Kyle Matthew Gelatka	Music	
Carley Jessica Ginsburg	Dance	Cum Laude

Emily M. Girgis Digital Filmmaking Magna Cum Laude Suyang Gong Visual Arts Ioshua Luis Gonzalez Dance Glynnis A. Gourhan Music Magna Cum Laude Emily Elizabeth Graf** Cum Laude Visual Arts Zachary Tyler Grun Music Magna Cum Laude Josephine Julia Heibel Summa Cum Laude Design Bradley Ian Helias Music Summa Cum Laude Visual Arts Summa Cum Laude Shannon Brigette Heylin Kavla Mohanie Hill Visual Arts Cum Laude Remy J. Hill Design Cum Laude Maximillian Eric Holmgren Design Ashley Kathryn Houck* Theater Peter B. Houdalis Music Magna Cum Laude Xinyi Huang Design Tien-Li Hung* Cum Laude Music Ornella Iaccarino Dance Victoria Alicia Iones Digital Filmmaking Kara Nicole Kamenski Dance Magna Cum Laude Tanner Frank Kazio Visual Arts Magna Cum Laude Rabiah Khan Magna Cum Laude Design Finley Patrick King Digital Filmmaking Summa Cum Laude Ashley Yan Kay Kong* Theater Digital Filmmaking Thomas Benjamin Kouten Cum Laude Sophia A. Krantz Design Summa Cum Laude José Miguel Lapaz-Rodriguez Dance Magna Cum Laude Digital Filmmaking Crystal Lee Tyler Garrett Lee* Design Magna Cum Laude Jacob Henry Levinson Music Summa Cum Laude Derek Li Design Magna Cum Laude Rui Li* Visual Arts Summa Cum Laude Sarah Anne Liebau Dance Cum Laude Ying-Yu Lin Dance Zhongxuan Lin Design Clare Meneely Lippincott* Theater Summa Cum Laude Visual Arts Cum Laude Chuang Liu Valerie Nicole Lozano Design Magna Cum Laude Jenna Lynn MacNeill Design Magna Cum Laude Marinelle Manansala Summa Cum Laude Design John Malachy Mannion Digital Filmmaking Magna Cum Laude Claudia L. Mariño* Magna Cum Laude Theater Alexandra Lael Marshall Visual Arts Summa Cum Laude Genesis Marte Music Olympia Hancock Martin Visual Arts Magna Cum Laude Johsian Martinez-Gonzalez Dance Cum Laude

Tara Mastromihalis	Visual Arts	Cum Laude
Liam J. McGeary*	Music	Cum Laude
Margaret Therese McGuire	Design	Magna Cum Laude
Briana M. McLaurin	Visual Arts	Summa Cum Laude
Jazmine Colivia McLaurin	Visual Arts	Cum Laude
Iake Shane McNamara	Visual Arts	Guiii Edddc
John Meza	Music	Cum Laude
Jessica Marcia Michal	Dance	Summa Cum Laude
Hugo Antonio Miranda	Music	Magna Cum Laude
Mauricio Andres Molina	Music	Magna Cam Laude
Claire Elizabeth Montgomery	Dance	Summa Cum Laude
Michael Gabriel Morocho	Music	Cum Laude
David Tyler Mosko	Music	Magna Cum Laude
Carl William Muhler	Music	Cum Laude
Nicole Ashley Murr	Music	Guiii Ladde
Penelope Louise Spurr Murzenski*	Theater	Summa Cum Laude
Paul J. Nalesnik	Music	odinina Odin Ladde
Talia MARIN Naylor	Visual Arts	
Jamie S. Noor	Design	Magna Cum Laude
Alexandra Leigh-allyn Novell	Theater	Magna Cum Laude
Connor Timothy O'Keefe	Digital Filmmaking	Magna Gam Ladde
Hannah Elizabeth Orr	Music	Cum Laude
Angela Maria Ortiz	Music	Magna Cum Laude
Christine Marie Papanier	Design	magna dam zadac
Caroline Camilah Payne	Dance	Summa Cum Laude
Leah Hannah Pesenson	Music	Magna Cum Laude
Elizabeth V. Piña	Design	Cum Laude
Anna J. Pittas	Design	Magna Cum Laude
Nicholas Andrew Plyler	Design	magna dam zadac
Nicolette Policastro**	Music	
Sarah Allison Poon	Design	
Drew Nieves Possumato	Music	
Delmarice A. Price	Music	Magna Cum Laude
Kaden James Sophan Price	Dance	Cum Laude
Miranda Patrice Purcell Aristy	Theater	Summa Cum Laude
Ryan Macaulay Quon	Digital Filmmaking	Magna Cum Laude
Alexa Frances Reyes	Design	Summa Cum Laude
Kimberly Reyes	Dance	
SAMANTHA M. REYES	Dance	
Cassidy Delilah Rivas	Dance	Summa Cum Laude
Jessica Catherine Roberts	Music	Cum Laude
Zoë Jane Rita Rose	Dance	
Allison Lee Ruppe	Music	Magna Cum Laude
Thomas Alan Sansone III	Music	Summa Cum Laude
Tristan A. Shafran		

Jack H. Shergalis	Visual Arts	
Hope Mikaela Shrader	Design	
Sara Barbara Shrier	Visual Arts	Cum Laude
Matthew Trier Simonetti	Design	Summa Cum Laude
Amalya Jordan Singleton	Visual Arts	
Luiza Smajlaj	Design	Cum Laude
Lingjun Song	Music	Summa Cum Laude
Vaughn Stavropoulos	Music	
Kathleen May Sullivan	Visual Arts	Magna Cum Laude
Grace Virginia Taylor	Design	Summa Cum Laude
Natalie Christian Tews	Music	Summa Cum Laude
Sophie Marguerite Thervil	Visual Arts	
Victoria Sterling Timmins*	Theater	Magna Cum Laude
Steve F. Tomori	Design	Cum Laude
Samantha Audrey Vallay*	Visual Arts	Cum Laude
Katherine Elise Van Varick	Music	Summa Cum Laude
Sarah Hunter Veasey	Dance	Magna Cum Laude
Giancarlo Antonio Venturini	Visual Arts	Magna Cum Laude
Sophia Vitarius**	Music	
Yuchao Wang	Design	Cum Laude
Abigail Margaret Weinick	Digital Filmmaking	Summa Cum Laude
Sophie Katherine Wierzbicki	Music	Summa Cum Laude
Alexa Maye Williamson	Design	Magna Cum Laude
Benjamin Chadwick Wilson	Visual Arts	
Kirby Randall Davis Wilson	Theater	Magna Cum Laude
Jiaqi Wu	Visual Arts	Magna Cum Laude
Pauline Quindara Yanes	Design	Summa Cum Laude

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Master of Fine Arts, Master of Dance Education, and Master of Music

Abraham Isaac Alinea Music
Madeleine Claire Allen* Theater
Slater Graeme Ashenhurst Theater
Sophie Auger Design

Deja Baret Dance Education

Nathaniel Edward Barnett Music

Brianna Brathwaite Dance Education

Brent Kenneth Chancellor Music

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Colleen Ashley Doherty* Theater Marie Elizabeth Ferguson* Music Kimberlee Nicole Gerstheimer Dance Eric Gottshall Design Kimberly Nicole Griffin* Theater Merli Valentine Guerra Dance Sada Grace Harris* Music Eli Hill Visual Arts Amber Dawn Hongsermeier Dance Zoë Kim Theater Hanna Kim* Music

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Matthew Ryan Sakasitz Music Luke Daniel Schwalbach Music Banshion Lazarus Simmons Theater

Claudia Rose Soga Dance Education

Mikayla Iati Spataro Music Robert Patricio Spellman Theater

Cara Noelle Stine Dance Education

Aline Elizabeth Stokes Theater
Thomas Michael Vacca Jr. Music
Carlos Rafael Vazquez Music
Jessica Yael Wald Music
John Charles Weizenecker Music

Abigayle Mae Wolski Dance Education

Eunmin Woo Music

Artist Diploma

Tingting Zhuang

Artist Diploma in Opera

Major Professor: Susan Quittmeyer

^{*}January 2021

^{* *}August 2021

Doctor of Musical Arts

Jae Young Bea

Doctor of Musical Arts in Violin Major Professor: Todd Phillips

Sarah Eileen Bish

Doctor of Musical Arts in Cello Major Professor: Jonathan Spitz

Cyril Stephen Bodnar III**

Doctor of Musical Arts in Trumpeth Major Professor: Kenneth DeCarlo & Matthew Muckey

Michael Bulychev-Okser**

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Doctor of Musical Arts in Viola Major Professor: Choon-Jin Chang

Sonya Renee Headlam **

Doctor of Musical Arts in Voice Major Professor: Nancy Gustafson

Eunok Kim**

Doctor of Musical Arts in Piano Major Professor: Daniel Epstein

Hyojung Kim

Doctor of Musical Arts in Organ Major Professor: Renée Louprette

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Doctor of Musical Arts in Clarinet Major Professor: Maureen Hurd

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Doctor of Musical Arts in Piano Major Professor: Daniel Epstein

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Doctor of Musical Arts in Piano Major Professor: Daniel Epstein

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Doctor of Musical Arts in Choral Conducting

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Master of Arts in Music Composition

Anthony Petruccello

Master of Arts in Music Composition

Greg Welcher

Master of Arts in Music Composition

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Doctor of Philosophy in Music Composition Major Professor: Robert Aldridge

Angelique Mouyis

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