

RUTGERS, THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW JERSEY



CONVOCATION

May 2015

Mason Gross
School of the Arts

2015
Commencement
Convocation



State Theatre
May 15, 2015
2:30 p.m.

MASON GROSS SCHOOL OF THE ARTS
COMMENCEMENT CONVOCATION

Processional Scarlet Knights Jazz Trombones

Professor Conrad Herwig, Director and Trombone
Marc Stasio, Assistant Director

Christopher Smith, Bass, M.M. '16
Daniel Giannone, Drums, B.M. '16
Matthew Gordeuk, Guitar, B.M. '17
Luciano Minetti, Piano, B.M. '18
Rebecca Andrews, Trombone, B.M. '17
Gregory DeAngelis, Trombone, B.M. '18
Matthew Echols, Trombone, B.M. '15
Timothy Rechen, Trombone, B.M. '16
Ben Weisiger, Trombone, B.M. '16

The audience will stand during the student and faculty processions.

Welcome George B. Stauffer, *Dean*
Mason Gross School

Student Speaker Ilana Silverman
B.M., Music, '15

Address Jawole Willa Jo Zollar
Founder, Urban Bush Women

Presentation of Mason Gross Awards Julia Ritter, *Chair & Artistic Director*
Dance Department
Darryl Bott, *Associate Director*
Music Department
David Esbjornson, *Chair*
Theater Department
Gerry Beegan, *Interim Chair*
Visual Arts Department

Presentation of the Scott Cagenello Memorial Prize Casey Coakley
Dean of Students

Recognition of Graduating Students Dean Stauffer
Bachelor of Fine Arts and Bachelor of Music
Master of Fine Arts, Master of Music, and Master of
Dance Education

Hooding of Recipients of Doctor of Musical Arts Karina Bruk
Graduate Director, Music
Richard Chrisman
Professor, Music

Recognition of Recipients of Master of Arts and
Doctor of Philosophy Degrees in Music

Dean Stauffer

*The audience will stand for the singing of the Alma Mater
and remain standing for the recessional, which will be led by the faculty.*

Alma Mater, *On the Banks of the Old Raritan*

Howard N. Fuller, 1874

Student choir conducted by Kason Jackson, B.M., Music, '15

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.

Recessional

Scarlet Knights Jazz Trombones

A reception will be held on Civic Square Plaza immediately following the ceremony.

The State Theatre is operated by the State Theatre Regional Performing Art Center at New Brunswick, Inc., 11 Livingston Avenue, New Brunswick, New Jersey, a non-profit corporation of the State of New Jersey.

Food and beverages may not be taken into the audience chamber. Your cooperation will help prolong the quality and atmosphere of the theater.

Fire regulations strictly prohibit smoking in the State Theatre. Smoking is not permitted anywhere inside the building.

FIRE NOTICE: The red exit sign nearest your seat is the shortest route to the street. In an emergency, please do not run.....Walk to that exit.

Latecomers will be seated at the discretion of management. Theater policy is to begin performances at the advertised time.

The management is not responsible for personal property of State Theatre patrons.

MASON GROSS SCHOOL OF THE ARTS AWARDS

DANCE

Dance Express Choreographer's Prize

For consistently exceptional achievement as a choreographer

Nicolette Alberti

Molly McGrath

Margery J. Turner Choreographer Prize

For a work of exceptional group choreography

Daniel Costa

Sara Crayne-Dedrick

DancePlus Performance Prize

For a work of exceptional group choreography on the DancePlus concert

Scott Ivan Walters

MUSIC

Ethyl Gloria Kinney Memorial Prize

For academic excellence and artistic accomplishment in jazz studies

Anthony Fazio

Irene Alm Memorial Prize

To a graduating doctoral student for excellence in performance and

scholarly research

Robert Grohman

Donald Batchelder

Arthur G. Humphrey Memorial Prize

Outstanding work in music

Carl Bolleia

Michael Fardink Memorial Award

To an outstanding vocalist or accompanist

Ilana Silverman

Olga Marsano Burian Award

For outstanding achievement in music

Daniel Kim

Daphne and John Powell Award

For excellence in collaborative piano

James Lubrano

Music Department Award

For excellence in performance

Robert Grohman

Gina Vingara

Elizabeth Wyckoff Durham Award

Student in organ or piano studies who excels in performance

Sohee Kwon

John I. Bettenbender Memorial Performance Award

For outstanding graduate artistic achievement

Kaitlyn Davis
Azusa Komiyama
Thomas Bourgault

THEATER

Dr. Jaroslav and Grayce Susan Burian Prize

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

Carter Bellaimey

The Women's League of Rutgers Award

For excellence in theater

Joanne Pan

VISUAL ARTS

Brovero Photography Prize

Excellence in Photography

Jahi Sabater
Randall Parker

Giza Daniels-Endesha Award

For outstanding graduate performance in visual arts

Dara Alter

Giza Daniels-Endesha Award

For outstanding undergraduate performance in visual arts

Paolo Martinez

James O. Dumont Travel Grant

For artistic integrity in visual arts

Jordan Wason

Paul Robeson Emerging Young Artist Award

For outstanding achievement in visual arts

Marie Koetje
Gabriel Chiarello
Peter Drago
Harmony Huang
Nora Wimmer

Visual Arts Award

For artistic accomplishment in Visual Arts

Shelby Van Cleef
Marina Lam
Laura Marciniak

INTERDEPARTMENTAL

Scott Cagenello Memorial Prize

*To a student who has shown special commitment to helping others
in the school or university community*

Eliza Brennessel

Bachelor of Fine Arts and Bachelor of Music

Honors are based on Fall 2014 Cumulative G.P.A

Lindsey Adams	Visual Arts	
Kellie Airhart	Music	
Nicolette Alberti	Dance	Summa Cum Laude
Sara Alkhalili	Visual Arts	Magna Cum Laude
Gabriela Alvarado	Dance	Cum Laude
Isaac Andrade	Visual Arts	Cum Laude
Courtney Armele	Visual Arts	
Jordi Artigas	Visual Arts	
Andrew Aslanian	Music **	
Courtney Averett	Visual Arts	Cum Laude
Peter Baldassare	Music	
Mehak Basu	Visual Arts	
Wyatt Beekman	Music	
Megan Belansky	Music	
Alexandria Belardinelli	Visual Arts	
Carter Bellaimey	Theater	Summa Cum Laude
Kathleen Belloff	Visual Arts	
Eliza Brennessel	Theater **	
Wesley Brown	Music	
Shawn Brush	Dance	Summa Cum Laude
Adam Brusky	Visual Arts	
Jonathan Burgos	Visual Arts *	
Riley Byrne	Music	
Jordan Campbell	Visual Arts	
Alejandro Cardozo	Theater	Cum Laude
Nicholas Carratura	Music **	
Mattison Carter	Visual Arts	
Gabriel Chiarello	Visual Arts	Cum Laude
Michelle Christianson	Music	Summa Cum Laude
Leslie Chu	Music	Magna Cum Laude**
Brian Clines	Music	Cum Laude
Lauren Coates	Music	Cum Laude
Brittany Cohen	Dance	Cum Laude
Stephanie Cortazzo	Visual Arts	Cum Laude
Daniel Costa	Dance	Magna Cum Laude
Sara Crayne-Dedrick	Dance	Cum Laude
Maryalice Crelin	Dance	
Raymond Croft	Visual Arts	
Jada Cunningham	Dance	Cum Laude
Njelama Dacas	Dance	
Emily Dalton	Visual Arts	
Robert D'Angelo	Visual Arts	Cum Laude
Aron Davis	Dance	

Clea Decrane	Theater	Summa Cum Laude
Leale Deverges	Theater	Cum Laude
Stephanie Dimiskovski	Visual Arts	Summa Cum Laude
Katherine Donnelly	Visual Arts	
Brianna Doran	Music	Magna Cum Laude**
Jack Doyle	Theater	
Peter Drago	Visual Arts	
Jeanna Dressel	Visual Arts	Cum Laude
Jean-Louis Droulers	Theater	
Matthew Echols	Music	
Julia Eleftheriades	Visual Arts	
Allegra Epstein	Theater	Cum Laude
Gabriel Escalona	Visual Arts	
Anthony Fania	Dance	
Naquasha Farrar	Visual Arts	
Anthony Fazio	Music	Magna Cum Laude
William Ferguson	Visual Arts	Summa Cum Laude
Victoria Fetner	Visual Arts	Magna Cum Laude
Nicholas Filomeno	Music	
Morgan Fite	Music	Cum Laude
Rachel Fuchek	Visual Arts	Cum Laude
Karissa Gannon	Visual Arts	
Sean Garrity	Visual Arts	
Sarah Gay	Music	Summa Cum Laude
Noelle Giorgi	Dance	
Natasha Gohil	Visual Arts	
Kate Gorbato	Visual Arts	Summa Cum Laude
Emma Gordon	Visual Arts	Magna Cum Laude
Spencer Greenberg	Music	Cum Laude
Alicia Greey	Music	Cum Laude**
Kevin Grzejka	Visual Arts	Magna Cum Laude
Abigail Gualtieri	Visual Arts	Magna Cum Laude
Jon Erik Gulliksen	Visual Arts	
Joel Hamel	Visual Arts	Cum Laude
Alec Hanslowe	Music	Cum Laude
Samantha Hoag	Visual Arts	Cum Laude
Harmony Huang	Visual Arts	
Turiya Ingram	Dance	
Emilia Iorillo	Dance	Summa Cum Laude
Eugene Cyl Jackson	Dance *	
Kason Jackson	Music	
Victoria Janicki	Theater	
Molly Margaret Johnson	Theater	
Shannon Johnston	Dance	Magna Cum Laude
Justin Kain	Visual Arts	Cum Laude
Ayana Kareem	Visual Arts	Cum Laude

Daniel Kim	Music	Cum Laude**
Junghee Koo	Visual Arts	Cum Laude
Amanda Kosa	Music	Summa Cum Laude
Sohee Kwon	Music	
Marina Lam	Visual Arts	Cum Laude
Joo Heui Lee	Music	Magna Cum Laude
Angel Liu	Music	Magna Cum Laude*
Adam Lowe	Visual Arts	
Lindsey Malko	Music	Cum Laude**
George Malpass	Music *	
Laura Marciniak	Visual Arts	Cum Laude
Paolo Martinez	Visual Arts	
Taylor Mathues	Visual Arts	
Molly McGrath	Dance	Cum Laude
Allison McKinney	Theater	
Susan McNulty	Dance	
Mark Moroney	Music	Magna Cum Laude**
Tenacia Morrissey	Dance	
David Mortellito	Theater	Cum Laude
Ryan Mulcahy	Music **	
Paul Nalesnik	Music	
Colleen Nizolek	Visual Arts	Magna Cum Laude
Thomas O'Hara	Music	Summa Cum Laude
Anna Palaski	Visual Arts	
Joanna Papoulis	Visual Arts	
Randall Parker	Visual Arts	
Tamanna Patel	Visual Arts	
Sophie Phillips-Roberts	Theater	Cum Laude
Shani Pleasants	Visual Arts	
Julia Putelo	Visual Arts	
Ezra Rahmey	Visual Arts	Summa Cum Laude
Alexander Reyes	Music	
Margaret Roberts	Dance	Magna Cum Laude
Deborah Rodriguez	Visual Arts	
Shyrlay Rodriguez	Theater	Cum Laude
Lauren Roth	Music	
Jacqueline Sacco	Dance	Cum Laude
Robert Sacks	Visual Arts	Summa Cum Laude
Jerry Sanchez	Theater	
Katherine Schneider	Visual Arts	Magna Cum Laude
Andrew Schnur	Visual Arts	
Haley Scott	Music	
Aubrey Seader	Theater	Cum Laude
Hannah Sego	Dance	Magna Cum Laude
Nicholas Seto	Visual Arts	Cum Laude

Adam Shaber	Music	Magna Cum Laude
Madison Shaloo	Dance	
Lauren Shanahan	Music	
Ilana Silverman	Music	Magna Cum Laude
Nicole Spinnler	Theater	Cum Laude
Joshua Thompson	Visual Arts	
Kiyana Thompson	Dance	
Samuel Tobias	Music	Magna Cum Laude
Shelby Van Cleef	Visual Arts	Cum Laude
Gina Vingara	Music	Magna Cum Laude
Rebecca Visintainer	Dance	Summa Cum Laude
Mariateres Volpe	Dance	Summa Cum Laude
Scott Walters	Dance	
Jordan Wason	Visual Arts	Summa Cum Laude
Erica Weber	Dance	
Drew Weinstein	Music	
Avery Whitted	Theater	Cum Laude
Matthew Wiczorek	Music	
Nora Wimmer	Visual Arts	Summa Cum Laude
Michael Winnicki	Music	Magna Cum Laude
Ayana Workman	Theater	
Crystal Wrede	Visual Arts	
Angela Wyan	Visual Arts	Cum Laude
Erika Yi	Visual Arts	
Marlee Zeller	Visual Arts	

* October Graduate

** January Graduate

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

Dara Alter	Visual Arts
Emile Askey	Visual Arts
Martha Beggerly	Theater
Michael Bernabe	Music
Genevieve Blesch	Music
Kate Blomquist	Visual Arts
Leah Jean Boyce	Dance
Revital Brandes	Visual Arts
Abraham Burton	Music
Amanda Chiarello	Dance
Deryck Clarke	Music *
Kaitlyn Davis	Music
Bowen Dungan	Music
Stephanie Faille	Music
Jason Flamos	Theater
Emily Funicello	Dance
Ross Garlow	Music
Christopher Georgetti	Music
Hugo Higuera	Visual Arts
Rebecca Horn	Visual Arts
Matthew Hotaling	Visual Arts
Theresa Jones	Dance
Marie Koetje	Visual Arts
Alex Kwartler	Visual Arts
Nicole Lacy-Thompson	Dance
Brenda Licea Mendez	Music *
James Lubrano	Music
Caitlin MacQueen	Visual Arts
Olivia Marchitelli	Dance
Sarah Mattes	Visual Arts
Stacey McCaffery	Music
Jason Moore	Music
John Morrison	Music
Angel Narvaez	Music
Kathryn Pennachio	Visual Arts
Pareesa Pourian	Visual Arts
Lindsey Rizkalla	Dance
Amanda Romano	Dance
Gabrielle Roth	Visual Arts
Meagan Ruland	Dance
Jahi Sabater	Visual Arts
Jason Snyder	Music *
Ben Suga	Visual Arts
Anthony Sylva	Visual Arts
Madeline Warriner	Dance
Thomas Williams	Music

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** January Graduate

Artist Diploma in Music

Clayton T. Mathews

Artist Diploma in Opera

Major Professor: Eduardo Chama

Doctor of Musical Arts

Richard Beckman *

Doctor of Musical Arts in Music
Education

Major Professor: William Berz

Amy Bliss

Doctor of Musical Arts in Euphonium
Major Professor: Stephen Arthur Allen

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Doctor of Musical Arts in Wind
Conducting

Major Professor: Kraig Williams

Kristen Castaldi **

Doctor of Musical Arts in Voice
Major Professor: Frederick Urrey

Kuan-Ting Chang **

Doctor of Musical Arts in Horn
Major Professor: Douglass Lundeen

Benjamin Druffel

Doctor of Musical Arts in Wind
Conducting

Major Professor: Kraig Williams

Jordan Enzinger

Doctor of Musical Arts in Cello
Major Professor: Jonathan Spitz

Wael Farouk

Doctor of Musical Arts in Piano
Major Professor: Daniel Epstein

Guy Figer *

Doctor of Musical Arts in Violin
Major Professor: Arnold Steinhardt

Ilmar Gavilan

Doctor of Musical Arts in Violin
Major Professor: Arnold Steinhardt

Robert Grohman

Doctor of Musical Arts in Piano
Major Professor: Min Kwon

Andrew Hayward

Doctor of Musical Arts in Clarinet
Major Professor: Maureen Hurd Hause

Hyangsoo Heo *

Doctor of Musical Arts in Voice
Major Professor: Eduardo Chama

Sung Won Hwang

Doctor of Musical Arts in Clarinet
Major Professor: Maureen Hurd Hause

Hongkyung Kim *

Doctor of Musical Arts in Voice
Major Professor: Judith Nicosia

Sung Chul Lee

Doctor of Musical Arts in Piano
Major Professor: Daniel Epstein

Yu-Chieh Lin

Doctor of Musical Arts in Piano
Major Professor: Daniel Epstein

Steven Reeves

Doctor of Musical Arts in Horn
*Major Professor: Douglas Lundeen and
Jerry Peel*

Meng-Ching Sun

Doctor of Musical Arts in Violin
Major Professor: Todd Phillips

Caroline Yoshimoto

Doctor of Musical Arts in Violin,
awarded posthumously
*Major Professor: Mikhail Kopelman and
Todd Phillips*

**Graduate School New Brunswick
Graduate**

Yoon Kyung Park

Doctor of Philosophy in composition
Major Professor: Gerald Chenoweth

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