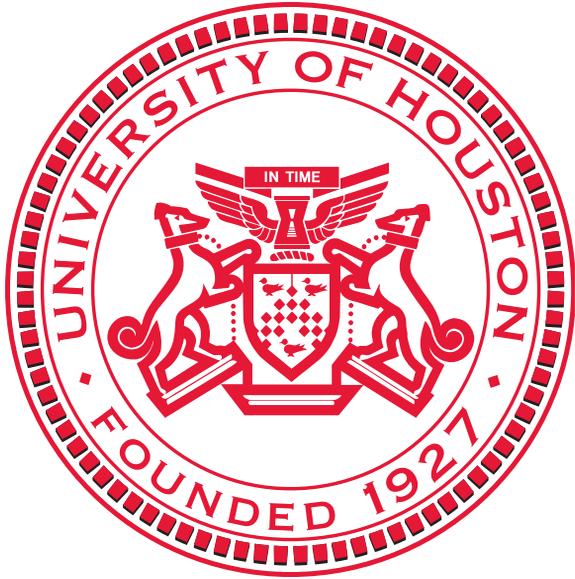


**Kathrine G. McGovern
College of the Arts**

**COMMENCEMENT
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2017**





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Letter from the President

December 2017

Dear University of Houston Graduates:

Congratulations on this most memorable day of your college career! The degree you are about to receive symbolizes the world-class, tier-one education you obtained at the University of Houston.

There were many factors that contributed to your success. The support of your parents, families and friends, and the encouragement of your faculty, advisors and staff played a significant part. But what made it all possible was the personal commitment, drive and resolve that helped you cross the finish line. We take profound satisfaction in knowing these same attributes will serve you well as you make your mark in the world.

Please leave today as proud UH graduates, confident you are the best prepared, best educated and best equipped individuals of your generation. I know in my heart that you are now ready and able not just to compete, but to succeed and be leaders in your chosen careers.

With my best wishes for a bright and rewarding future,

Renu Khator

Renu Khator
President, University of Houston



Letter from the Dean

Dear Kathrine G. McGovern College of the Arts Graduates,

Congratulations!

You are here today because of all you have achieved at the University of Houston. You have worked tirelessly to master your craft, cultivating skills that position you at the forefront of the performing and visual arts. You have collectively spent thousands of hours rehearsing, researching, performing and designing on the University campus and beyond. You have added to our city's rich and vibrant culture through community-centric projects and programs designed to promote Houston's diverse arts community.

Now, as the next generation of creators, performers, artists and collaborators, the world is at your fingertips—just waiting for you to make your mark. My advice to you is to remain curious, investigate your environment and reimagine the possibilities of creative practices in our complex, 21st century world.

As you leave the Kathrine G. McGovern College of the Arts to embark on your career and the next stage of your life, I know your future is bright. I look forward to seeing the impact you will make on our community, our city and our world. Please stay in touch with us! You can contact me at adavis@uh.edu.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew Davis". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Andrew Davis
Dean

University of Houston

Kathrine G. McGovern College of the Arts

Commencement

Friday, December 15, 2017, 10 a.m.

Moore's Opera House

PROCESSIONAL	Faculty Banner Bearers Platform Party Dean Andrew Davis
INTRODUCTORY REMARKS	David Bertman <i>Associate Dean</i>
NATIONAL ANTHEM	Moore's School of Music
WELCOME	Andrew Davis <i>Dean and Professor of Music</i> <i>Cullen Foundation Endowed Chair</i>
GREETINGS	Regent Neelesh Mutlaya
COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS	Dean Davis
PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES	Beckham Dossett <i>Director, School of Art</i> Fleurette Fernando <i>Director, Master of Arts Program in Arts Leadership</i> Blake Wilkins <i>Director (Interim), Moore's School of Music</i> Rob Shimko <i>Director, School of Theatre and Dance</i>
CONFERRAL OF DEGREES AND CLOSING REMARKS	Dean Davis
ALMA MATER	Moore's School of Music
RECESSIONAL	

Event music provided by Moore's School of Music Brass Quintet. A reception will be held in the lobby of the Opera House immediately after the ceremony. Refreshments will be served.



About the Kathrine G. McGovern College of the Arts

With the launch of the Kathrine G. McGovern College of the Arts in the fall of 2016, the University of Houston merged its performing and visual entities to create a hub of creativity and collaboration in one of America's most culturally diverse cities.

The City of Houston is one of our nation's great arts destinations, and one of only five U.S. cities with permanent professional resident companies in symphony, opera, ballet and theatre. Houston's creative economy is a \$26 billion industry employing nearly 180,000 highly-skilled and talented individuals. The Kathrine G. McGovern College of the Arts is committed to providing a platform for emerging young artists and educators to connect with the city through local resources, partnerships and community engagement.

Our award-winning, internationally-distinguished faculty provides top-quality instruction to artists and educators from our constituent units, which include the School of Art, Moores School of Music and the School of Theatre & Dance, as well as the Master of Arts Leadership Program, Blaffer Art Museum, the Cynthia Woods Mitchell Center for the Arts and the Center for Art and Social Engagement.

The Kathrine G. McGovern College of the Arts firmly believes in the transformative power of the arts and their ability to positively shape the world. Our mission, above all else, is to enrich and empower our students, our community and the world.

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Dean

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Director, Dance Program, School of Theatre & Dance

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Director, Master of Arts Program in Arts Leadership

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Karen Farber

Director, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Center for the Arts

Sixto Wagan

Director, Center for Art and Social Engagement

School of Art

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Beckham Dossett
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Professor

Rick Lowe
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Fiona McGettigan
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Abinadi Meza
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Anna Mayer
Assistant Professor

Delilah Montoya
Professor

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Associate Professor

Aaron Parazette
Professor

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Associate Professor

John G. Reed
Professor

Meyer R. Rubinstein
Professor

Gael Stack
Professor

Judith Steinhoff
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Roberto Tejada
Professor

Sandra Zalman
Associate Professor

Master of Arts in Arts Leadership

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Zachary Gresham
Adjunct Instructor

Andrea Lazar
Adjunct Instructor

Jerome S. Socolof
Adjunct Instructor

Glenn Taylor
Adjunct Instructor

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Lecturer

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Chien-Jung Chen
Lecturer

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Assistant Professor

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Professor

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Charles G. Cooper
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Steven W. Wallace
Professor

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Jack Young
Associate Professor

The Honors College Honors

The Honors College at the University of Houston offers students special opportunities to develop their academic abilities. Below are the Honors College honors designations.

University Honors with Honors in Major

Students who complete the Honors College curriculum (36 hours) and complete a senior honors thesis.

University Honors

Students who complete the Honors College curriculum and elect not to complete a senior honors thesis.

Collegiate Honors and Collegiate Honors with Honors in Major

Students who fulfill the requirements for the honors program in the college of their major, including 21 hours of honors courses; complete an Honors College minor; or complete 21 hours of approved honors courses, graduate with Collegiate Honors. If students also complete a senior honors thesis, they graduate with Collegiate Honors with Honors in Major.

Membership in The Honors College and Membership in The Honors College with Honors in Major

Students who affiliate with the Honors College during their undergraduate years and complete fewer than 21 hours of honors courses graduate with Membership in The Honors College. If students also complete a senior honors thesis and fulfill the requirements of their major with distinction, they graduate with Membership in The Honors College with Honors in Major.

Honors in Major

Students who complete a senior honors thesis but are not members of the Honors College.

Honors Recipients

Collegiate Honors

Michelle T. Girardot

Membership in The Honors College

Anthony J. Larson

Avery N. Rabon

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CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATION

DOCTORAL DEGREES

Moores School of Music

DOCTOR OF MUSICAL ARTS

Elizabeth Renee Borik
Queen of the Boys: Hedli Anderson
and the British Cabaret
RESEARCH CHAIR: Dr. Howard Pollack

Rebecca Lynn Poole
Twentieth-Century Flute Works of
the Netherlands: A Study of Selected
Compositions by Rosy Wertheim,
Dick Kattenburg, and Leo Smit
RESEARCH CHAIR: Dr. Paul Bertagnolli

Abigail Lee Sliva
Narrative Analysis of Hindemith's
Sonata for Harp
RESEARCH CHAIR: Dr. Aaminah Durrani

Hanqing Zhou
Lei Liang's Compositional
Philosophy and My Windows
RESEARCH CHAIR: Dr. Barbara Rose Lange

MASTER DEGREES

Arts Leadership

MASTER OF ARTS

Caroline Nichole Docwra
Briana G. Gonzalez
Justina Faye Hall
Karoline Hurlen Melstveit
Ryann P. Roussel

Moores School of Music

MASTER OF MUSIC

David Armando Benitez
Andrew Anthony Cavazos
Yu Chen Chang
Xueer Chen

Linjing Fu
Abigail Christy Hawes
Jinyuan Mo
Mark Christopher Sanchez
Elaine Waier
Crystal L. White

School of Theatre and Dance

MASTER OF ARTS

Gregory Alldredge
Julia Christine Becker
Brien Bianchi
Jessica Ferrarone
Benjamin J. Garmon
Sterling Allan Johnson
Bethany Marie Kennedy
Gary Todd Kilmer
Stephanie Leigh Laney
Christine Barr McClung
Destyne Renee Miller
Caitlin Pitts
Matthew Thomas Smith

BACHELOR DEGREES

School of Art

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Art
Theresa Elizabeth Bathroy
Estefania Garcia ²
Jennifer Jocelyn Garcia
Joshua Luke Hernandez
Uriel Landeros
Samantha Luxenburg
Kristina Margaret Owen
Jason Rodriguez
Garret Bernardo Rojano

¹ Summa Cum Laude - ² Magna Cum Laude - ³ Cum Laude - ⁴ Banner Bearer (highest GPA)

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You Sun
Huy Ngoc Tran
Fatima D. Walker

Art History

Gabriela Elizabeth Aguilar ^{1,4}
Gregory Dent Allen
Jessica Betz ²
Shelby C. O'Dell

BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS

Painting

Leah B. Bydalek ²
Michael Perry Chandler ⁴
Kathryn E. Cummins
Lisa Ann Esquivel
Cassandra Aydee Gamez ³
Adrianna Cecilia Guillen
Alexander Ray Hewitt
Meihuizi Liu ²
Caroline Ryan ¹

Photography/Digital Media

Christelyn Patricia Nash ³
Deborah Stephenson

Sculpture

Sheryl Marie Casarez ³

Moores School of Music

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Music

Lindsey Taylor Marie Winstrand
John Towns ¹

BACHELOR OF MUSIC

Applied Music

Nadiah Alexis Eleskandrany
Michelle T. Girardot ²
Soo Jin Ko ²
Eric J. Seal
Imogen Alice Van Der Werff ²
Stephen Thomas Wadenpfohl
Jacob A. Wiggins

Music

Ian V. Clause
Nicole Louise Delaney ²
Erick Alexander Duenas
Catherine Marie Genzer ²
Katherine Marie Houghton
Mark Hiroshi Kamei
Jonathan Taylor Keller ^{1,4}
Soo Jin Ko ²
Jonathan T. Langan
Anthony J. Larson ³
Cara Joy Martin
Avery N. Rabon ³

School of Theatre and Dance

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Dance

Gillian Rebecca Bowen ³
Ariel D. Montemayor ^{3,4}

BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS

Theater

Hudson J. Davis

¹ Summa Cum Laude - ² Magna Cum Laude - ³ Cum Laude - ⁴ Banner Bearer (highest GPA)

The Alma Mater

All hail to thee,
Our Houston University.
Our hearts fill with gladness
When we think of thee.
We'll always adore thee
Dear old varsity.
And to thy memory cherished,
True we'll ever be.

Academic Regalia

THE ATTIRE of the participants dates back to the 12th and 13th centuries, when universities began to be established in Europe. In 1321, at the University of Coimbra in Portugal, gowns were required attire not just for faculty members, but also for students of all classifications. Other European universities started requiring gowns, but there was not a standard design. In 1887, Gardner Leonard volunteered to design the graduation gowns for his class at Williams College. His design, as well as the standardization of colors to denote areas of study, as later adopted by an intercollegiate commission, and is the one used today by most United States colleges and universities.

GOWNS. The bachelor's gown has long pointed sleeves; the master's gown has an oblong sleeve open at the wrists (some older gowns may be open near the upper part of the arm); the doctoral gown is fuller than the others with full-length velvet panels on the front and three velvet crossbars on each sleeve in black or in the color distinctive to the academic discipline of the wearer's degree.

HOODS. The hood, worn by master's and doctoral degree recipients, drapes over the shoulders and down the back and indicates the academic discipline to which the degree pertains; the field of the hood denotes the university that conferred the degree. The size of the hood indicates the level of the degree.

CAPS. The black mortarboard is the most common cap used. The tassel fastened to the center of the cap is black, although it may be the color appropriate to the subject of the degree. The tassel for the doctoral cap may be of gold thread. Candidates for bachelor's degrees wear the tassels on the right side, shifting it to the left side after being awarded their degrees. Candidates for master's and doctoral degrees wear their tassels on the left side from the outset and do not shift them after receiving their degrees.

DOCTORAL DEGREES	<i>Gown:</i>	Black
	<i>Hood (Music):</i>	Pink
	<i>Tassel:</i>	Red
MASTER'S DEGREES	<i>Gown:</i>	Black
	<i>Hood (Art):</i>	White
	<i>Hood (Music):</i>	Pink
	<i>Hood (Theatre):</i>	Brown
	<i>Tassel:</i>	Black
BACHELOR'S DEGREES	<i>Gown:</i>	Black
	<i>Tassel:</i>	Brown

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SPECIAL THANKS

A special thanks to the Commencement Team who assisted in making this memorable event possible.

Kristie Johnson, Jason Burton, Afshin Farzadfar
and the Moores Opera House Staff, Phil Booth and his team

Monique Abioye	Cameron Kubos
Pia Agrawal	Joe Lazzaro
Rachel Bush	Pim Lim
Sammy Butts	Colleen Maynard
Youngmin Chung	Melissa McCrimmon
Isaac Davis	Shane Monds
Natasha Davis	Lanna Morris
Jaclyn Denny	Jeb Mueller
Kristin Deville	Teresa Munisteri
Stacia Morgan Dunn	Tracy Ngo
Brenda Gausch	Trinh Nguyen
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Kelly Ibarra	Ken Ponche
Monnika Jacobs	Paul Rousse, Jr.
Erika Jimenez	Ornela Santee
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