66th Annual

HONORS CONVOCATION

THURSDAY, MAY 13, 2021
IN RECOGNITION

Congratulations and thanks to the following dedicated staff:

30+ YEARS

Damien Elwood
Gordon La Cross
Susan Lopez

20+ YEARS

Kit Bellamy
Jeff de Caen
Ligaya Lewis
Phillip Placenti
Sharon Vang

10+ YEARS

Matthew Burmood
Evan Calbi
Krysta Close
A. Phoenix Delgado
Adriana Gonzalez
Libby Kim
Marvin Munson
Michelle Simonsen
Job Springer
Nancy Wong
SCHOLARS & AWARDS

RENAISSANCE SCHOLARS
Scholar distinction recognizes undergraduate students who have excelled in their studies while completing a major and a minor (or two majors) in widely disparate fields of study. The objective is to achieve breadth and depth in two widely separate fields of thought.

Cameron Audras
Kaitlin Gladd
Camilo Gonzalez-Sol
Clarice Kwan
Chandler Lawn
Erica Lee
Dara Phung
Molly Tutt

DISCOVERY SCHOLARS
The Discovery Scholar distinction honors undergraduate students who excel in the classroom while demonstrating the ability to create exceptional new scholarship or artistic works in any major concentration offered at the University.

Cameron Audras
Maxwell Beck
Lila Forde
Benjamin Lindenburg
Angela McPhee
Samuel Ostroff
Noa Zimmerman
PI KAPPA LAMBDA AWARDS

BACHELOR’S • JUNIOR

Sophia Barnard • Music Performance, French Horn
Linda Diaz • Music Composition

BACHELOR’S • SENIOR

Cameron Audras • Music Performance, Viola
Benjamin Cross • Music Performance, Vocal Arts
Vivian Stover • Music Performance, Vocal Arts

MASTER’S

Aidan Gold • Music Composition
Yafeu Tyhimba • Jazz Studies, Bass

DOCTORAL

Nicolas Lell Benavides • Music Composition
Juan Pablo Contreras • Music Composition
The Ensemble Award is conferred by the director upon the student or students who have made the most significant contribution to the ensemble during the year.

**THORNTON ORCHESTRA**
Cameron Audras
Bradley Bascon
David Kang
Kevin Tsao
Molly Tutt

**WIND ENSEMBLE**
Rachel Campagna
Alex Chang
Sarah Meidel
Hannah Sobelman
Cameron Wilkins

**CHAMBER ORCHESTRA**
Ye Lin (Stella) Cho
Allan Hon
Anne Ranzani
Yun-Chieh Sung
Sarah Wilkinson

**APOLLO CHOIR**
Sawyer Lazar

**UNIVERSITY CHORUS**
Rita Barakat

**ORIANA CHOIR**
Yulissa Rodriguez
Peggy Yangzhen Zhang

**CONCERT CHOIR**
Camila Grases
Linda Diaz
David Park

**CHAMBER SINGERS**
Lydia Brown
Yotsawan Meethongkum
Colston Rienhoff

**CLASSICAL GUITAR ENSEMBLE**
Mircea Gogoncea
Brendon Grabowski
Tengyue Zhang

**THORNTON EDGE**
Benjamin Webster

**BAROQUE SINFONIA**
Eric Tinkerhess
Robert Wang
Hejun Yang

**COLLEGIUM MUSICUM**
Jae Hwan Kim

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM**
Michelle Kardos
Michael Neufeld
Hannah Sobelman
Leaha Maria Villarreal
Shelby Wong

**JAZZ ENSEMBLES**
Ethan Chilton
Niko Embry
Spencer Lemann
Andre Sudol
Luke Woodle
KEYBOARD STUDIES ENSEMBLE
Evelyn Lee
Barry Tan

KEYBOARD COLLABORATIVE ARTS ENSEMBLE
John-Micah Braswell
Ji-Yoon Lee
Brandon Linhard
You Zhao

OPERA
Powell Brumm
Benjamin Cross
Alec Fore
Sarah Wang

MUSIC PRODUCTION MOST VALUABLE COLLABORATOR
Sophie Feldman
Ashley Fulton
Johnny May

MUSIC INDUSTRY ENTREPRENEUR
Paris Watson

POPULAR MUSIC ENSEMBLE
Edward Bordeau
Will Easley
Soona Lee-Tolley
David McInnes
Maria McMillan

TROJAN MARCHING BAND
Sophia Barnard
Terry Cowley
Remy Gilboe
Leo Lerner
Zac Wickham

STUDIO GUITAR ENSEMBLE
Patrick Gilbride
Daniel Kalisher
Stewart Kim
Jarret Myers
Ray Warth

STRING CHAMBER MUSIC ENSEMBLE
Shang Ko (Sunny) Chan
Allan Hon
David Kang
Jenny (Yun-Chieh) Sung
Kevin Tsao

PERCUSSION CHAMBER MUSIC ENSEMBLE
Paul Matthews

BRASS CHAMBER MUSIC ENSEMBLE
Terry Cowley
Remy Gilboe
Alex Melzer
Richard Torneros Francisco
Derek Zimmerman

WOODWIND CHAMBER MUSIC ENSEMBLE
Donghoon Paik
Sara Petty
Deanna Pyeon
Anne Ranzani
Jeffery Wasik
SPECIAL AWARDS & PRIZES

COMPOSITION DEPARTMENT
MOST VALUABLE PLAYER AWARD
Connor Leigh Shaw

PETER DAVID FAITH ENDOWED
MEMORIAL AWARD IN COMPOSITION
Luca Mendoza
SuperPiano, for Bar Room Piano & Live Processing

JIMMY MCHUGH COMPOSITION PRIZE
ENDORDED BY LUCILLE MEYERS
Joshua Edward
You Talk, video

BRUCE ZALKIND MEMORIAL ENDOWED
MUSIC AWARD
Javier Morales
Raymond Wyant

SADYE J. MOSS ENDOWED MUSICAL
COMPOSITION PRIZE
Theodore Haber
Floating Fields, album

HANS J. SALTER ENDOWED MUSIC
AWARD
Ashlin Hunter
Synthetic Violet, for string quartet and MIDI string quartet

MITCHELL LURIE AWARD
Eric Braley
Alex Chang
Mads Holtenbang
Heesoo Kim
Victor Martinez Jara
Javier Morales-Martinez
Donghoon Paik
Daniel Park
Anders Peterson
Alexander Tu

VINCE DEROSA MUSIC AWARD FOR
FRENCH HORN
Sophia Barnard
Rachel Kim

STEPHEN MAXYM MEMORIAL MUSIC
SCHOLARSHIP
Anne Ranzani

ROBERT MARSTELLER MEMORIAL
ENOWDED MUSIC AWARD
Dominic Diaz
Emily Handy
Brad Moller

PRESSER GRADUATE MUSIC AWARD
Ethan Chilton

PRESSER UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLAR
Raivyn Hearne

NATHANIEL ROSE STRING PRIZE AND
TRAVEL GRANT FUND
Annelise Haukenes

KANTER MUSIC INDUSTRY AWARD
Elisabeth Easton, Shea Hanke,
Annemarie Roos, Amanda Sanchez
Bebop n Blues
Blake Huxell, Clarissa Kim,
Ted Lin-Cereghino
Music Over Metrics
The Departmental Award is conferred by the faculty upon those students at each academic level who have been judged to be the department or program’s outstanding graduates.

**CHORAL MUSIC**
Randi Anderson, B.A.
Shelby Stroud, M.M.
Shou Ping Liu, D.M.A.

**CLASSICAL GUITAR**
Edward Martinez, M.M.
Pardy Minassian, G. Cert.

**COMPOSITION**
Camilo Gonzalez-Sol, B.M.
Theodore Haber, B.M.
Aidan Gold, M.M.
Benjamin Webster, M.M.

**JAZZ STUDIES**
Lauren Ellis, M.M.
Yafeu Tyhimba, M.M.

**KEYBOARD COLLABORATIVE ARTS**
John-Micah Braswell, M.M.

**KEYBOARD STUDIES**
Andrew Edwards, B.M.
Christopher Erling, B.A.
Matthew Krell, M.M.
Eloise Kim, D.M.A.
Athena Tsianos, G. Cert.

**MUSIC INDUSTRY**
Chandler Lawn, B.S.

**MUSIC TECHNOLOGY**
Jesse Munsat, B.M.
Noa Zimmerman, B.M.

**MUSIC TEACHING AND LEARNING**
Chrysa Kovach, M.M.
Ben Makarchuk, M.M.
Micah Bland, D.M.A.

**EARLY MUSIC**
Ariana Davis, M.A.

**POPULAR MUSIC**
Sawyer Ikeda, B.M.
Cameron Lee, B.M.
Ayoni Thompson, B.M.
Matthew Ward, B.M.
Noa Zimmerman, B.M.

**STRINGS**
Cameron Audras, B.M.
Rebecca Lawrence, M.M.
Ye Lin (Stella) Cho, D.M.A.
Nao Kubota, G. Cert.

**STUDIO GUITAR**
Jordan Samuels, M.M.
Max Smith, D.M.A.

**VOCAL ARTS**
Vivian Stover, B.M.
Kathryn Kibota, M.M.

**WINDS & PERCUSSION**
Rachel Campagna, B.M.
Deanna Pyeon, M.M.
Anne Ranzani, M.M.
Edgar Melendez, D.M.A.
Donghoon Paik, G. Cert.
SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARDS

BRANDON MEHRLE SERVICE AWARD
In recognition of individuals who have shown extraordinary support for the USC Thornton School of Music through a commitment of energy and professional expertise.

Yoon Cho
Adam Karelin

STAFF RECOGNITION AWARD
In recognition of extraordinary dedication and commitment to the USC Thornton School of Music.

Ji-Eun Park

THE RAMO MUSIC FACULTY AWARD
Established in 1971, the Ramo Music Faculty Award is conferred by the faculty and students upon a faculty member in recognition of outstanding contribution to music and education, to the USC Thornton School of Music and University of Southern California, and to Humanity.

The 2021 award is conferred upon
Larry Livingston
OUTSTANDING GRADUATES 2021

BACHELOR’S

Christopher Erling • B.A., Keyboard Studies
Lila Forde • B.M., Vocal Jazz

MASTER’S

Aidan Gold • M.M., Composition

NON-DEGREE PROGRAMS

Sabrina Bounds • G. Cert., Flute Performance

DOCTORAL

Ye Lin (Stella) Cho • D.M.A., Cello Performance
FACULTY & STAFF PROMOTIONS

FACULTY PROMOTIONS

Aaron Serfaty, Senior Lecturer
David Arnay, Senior Lecturer

STAFF PROMOTIONS

Kyle Shafiee, Division Manager for the Classical Division