



**THE WHITE HOUSE**  
**WASHINGTON**

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Thornton School of Music  
University of Southern California  
840 West 34th Street  
Los Angeles, California 90089

Dear Friends:

I am pleased to send my heartfelt congratulations to everyone celebrating the 125th anniversary of Thornton School of Music.

Over the course of your history, Thornton School of Music has prepared countless young minds for the world they will inherit. The school has been an anchor in the community and has grown with the support of generations of students, parents, educators, and staff.

I hope you take great pride in your many contributions and achievements, and look ahead to those sure to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to be Barack Obama's signature, is written below the word "Sincerely,". The signature is stylized and cursive.