

Convocation 2025

**The Chan Centre
for the Performing Arts**
Thursday, May 8, 2025
Ceremony #1 | 10:00 am





Congratulations

Processional

Graduands

Graduands will be led by
Jay Percival, Drummer

Chancellor's Party

The Party will be led by
Carla George, Drummer

Kajola Morewood, Mace Bearer

Carleen Thomas
CHANCELLOR

Dr. Trish Kelly
PRESIDENT + VICE-CHANCELLOR

Don Avison, K.C.
CHAIR, BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Alanis Obomsawin
**HONORARY DOCTOR OF
LETTERS RECIPIENT**

Diyan Achjadi
**VICE-PRESIDENT, ACADEMIC
+ PROVOST**

Michelle Fu + Brian McBay
EMILY AWARD RECIPIENT

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OPENING REMARKS

+ WELCOME
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CHANCELLOR'S ADDRESS

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PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

Dr. Trish Kelly

CONFERRAL OF HONORARY DEGREES + PRESENTATION OF

EMILY AWARD
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PRESENTATION OF MEDALS

Lieutenant Governor's Medal

PRESENTATION OF DEGREES

Parnian Anaa

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONVOCATION SPEAKER

Celeste Martin

**DEAN, IAN GILLESPIE FACULTY OF
DESIGN + DYNAMIC MEDIA**

Introduction of Bachelor of Design in
Communication Design, Industrial
Design and Interaction Design

Bachelor of Media Arts,
2D + Experimental Animation,
3D Computer Animation and
Film + Screen Arts

CLOSING REMARKS

Don Avison, K.C.

CHAIR, BOARD OF GOVERNORS



Welcome

Carleen Thomas **CHANCELLOR**

Congratulations to the largest graduating class in Emily Carr University's history! As you begin your careers as creative thinkers, innovators, and thought leaders, remember the perseverance, creativity and craftsmanship you channeled here at ECU. Your art reflects that fearlessness and courage that will help you succeed and thrive in the future.

Congratulations to the Class of 2025!

Don Avison, K.C. **CHAIR, BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

On behalf of Emily Carr University's Board of Governors, I extend my most ecstatic congratulations to the largest graduation class in our history! We pride ourselves in nurturing and shaping the next generation of talented changemakers. Therefore, I cannot wait to see what stunning works you will create as you unveil your talent to the world. Please accept my warmest wishes as you enter this next chapter of your creative journey.

Dr. Trish Kelly **PRESIDENT + VICE-CHANCELLOR**

Today, we celebrate an incredible milestone in your lives – Convocation! You have worked through tough challenges and valleys that have tested you and made you a stronger and more resilient artist, designer, and creative thinker. As a witness to your inspiring journey, I am filled with immense pride at all you have achieved at Emily Carr University of Art + Design. You are now an esteemed member of a thriving alumni community that boasts some of our industry's most influential creative minds. I cannot wait to see the extraordinary contributions you will make. Congratulations to each and every one of you!

Emily Award Recipients



Michelle Fu

Michelle Fu and Brian McBay are Co-founders of 221A, a Vancouver-based cultural space and artistic research organization.

Under their leadership, 221A operates a growing network of over 140,000 square feet across nine properties that provide space for artistic production and housing.

What started as a student collective at Emily Carr University in 2005, Michelle and Brian apply their training and experience in fine arts and industrial design to community governance and cultural space design and operations.



Brian McBay

Over the last twenty years, they have worked collectively with artists and designers to secure space and access resources, with a focus on reversing inequality, xenophobia and colonialism in Canada.



Honorary Degree Recipients



Alanis Obomsawin
C.C., G.O.Q., C.A.L.Q.
NATIONAL FILM BOARD

A member of the Abenaki Nation and one of Canada's most distinguished artists, Alanis Obomsawin has been a trailblazing champion of Indigenous storytelling and cinema over a legendary career that began at the NFB in 1967.

Companion of the Order of Canada and laureate of both the Governor General's Performing Arts Award and the Governor General's Award in Visual and Media Arts, Ms. Obomsawin has received more than 50 lifetime and career accolades, as well as 13 honorary degrees. She has directed 66 films to date that have amassed over 50 honours, including 15 awards for her 1993 landmark feature documentary on the 1990 Oka Crisis, *Kanehsatake: 270 Years of Resistance*.

"Much has been said and discussed about Alanis's legacy, which, it's vital to point out, is still unfolding with every new film in her remarkable—and remarkably long—career as a director, producer, writer, singer, artist and activist. She is many things to many people, as all great leaders are. Her body of work is astonishing. With over 60 films already complete and with more in various stages of development, Alanis Obomsawin is unlike most screen storytellers from any nation on Earth."

—Jason Ryle
International Programmer, Indigenous Cinema,
Toronto International Film Festival.

Six years before Oka, Alanis was present with her camera during Quebec police raids on the Restigouche Reserve to make *Incident at Restigouche* (1984), a film that she has said "encapsulated the idea of films being a form of social protest" and had a profound impact on her filmmaking practice.

Born in New Hampshire on Abenaki territory, Alanis was brought by her mother to live on the Odanak reserve northeast of Montreal at the age of six months. She first came to the attention of NFB producers Joe Koenig and Bob Verrall in 1966, when she was the subject of a film by Ron Kelly for CBC-TV's *Telescope* series. Also, an acclaimed singer and visual artist, Alanis is the subject of an exhibition on her life and work, *The Children Have to Hear Another Story*, which is touring Canadian cities.



Paul Larocque

Paul Larocque has had a career in the arts and cultural sector spanning more than three decades and continues to be committed to promoting the importance of the arts and arts education in our communities. Paul is currently the President & CEO of Arts Umbrella—an internationally recognized leader in the area of arts education for young people.

He has led the 46-year-old non-profit organization through a period of significant growth, notably, with the recent opening of its 72,000 square-foot centre on Granville Island. Prior to his current role, Paul held the position of Associate Director at the Vancouver Art Gallery for more than a decade.

For several years, Paul has served as a mentor and a selection committee chair with the Loran Scholars Foundation, as well as volunteering with the McCall MacBain Scholars program. For more than 20 years, Paul has been an active member of Chor Leoni, an internationally recognized choral ensemble.



**Chepximiya Siyam'
Cheif Janice George**

Chepximiya Siyam' Chief Janice George graduated from Capilano University, North Vancouver, BC, and the Institute of American Indian Arts, Santa Fe, NM, USA. She feels her education at these schools helped her excel as a teacher, adding to her most important and cherished traditional teachings. She is a hereditary chief, trained museum curator and educator.

George most recently was artist in residence with the Indigo Arts Alliance in April 2023. George is a textile artist and, along with her husband, brought back almost lost knowledge of Coast Salish Weaving to Squamish people. Public art includes co-designer of soon to be new Vancouver Art Gallery facade, Arc'teryx Park Royal Art designer, N'Chkay new office art designer, Simon Fraser interior design with Urban Arts Architecture Vancouver, Squamish and Lilwat Cultural Centre.

Collaborations with Burritt Brothers for hand-knotted and commercial carpeting murals around Vancouver, weavings in Simon Fraser University, Arc'teryx Park Royal, Squamish and Lilwat Cultural Centre, amongst others.



Ceremonial Elements



COAT OF ARMS

Emily Carr University's coat of arms was commissioned by the Board of Governors and developed under the direction of Mr. Robert D. Watt, Chief Herald of Canada. Elements of the coat of arms include: a shield with a geometric allusion to perspective, a crest rising from a wreath of blue and white depicting a raven in Coast Salish style that represents transformation and cleverness, and two crows (noted for their intelligence) who support the shield on either side and represent the University's urban setting.

The Crest was designed by Susan A. Point (D. Litt), First Nations artist and past Board member of Emily Carr University.

EYE, MIND + HAND

The Emily Carr University motto links together the notion of perception and visualization of the world through the eyes, the operation of the artist's mind in the creative process and the use of hands to bring an idea to life.

EMILY CARR UNIVERSITY MACE

Designed and carved by Aboriginal artist and alumnus Xwalacktun (Rick Harry), the Emily Carr University Mace is carved from mahogany with a base of yellow cedar and depicts the elements of an eagle, a human figure, a map of British Columbia and bells. The handle is representative of a talking stick, used in Aboriginal ceremonies for centuries. The intricately carved swirl in the base is designed to emphasize the power of the mace.

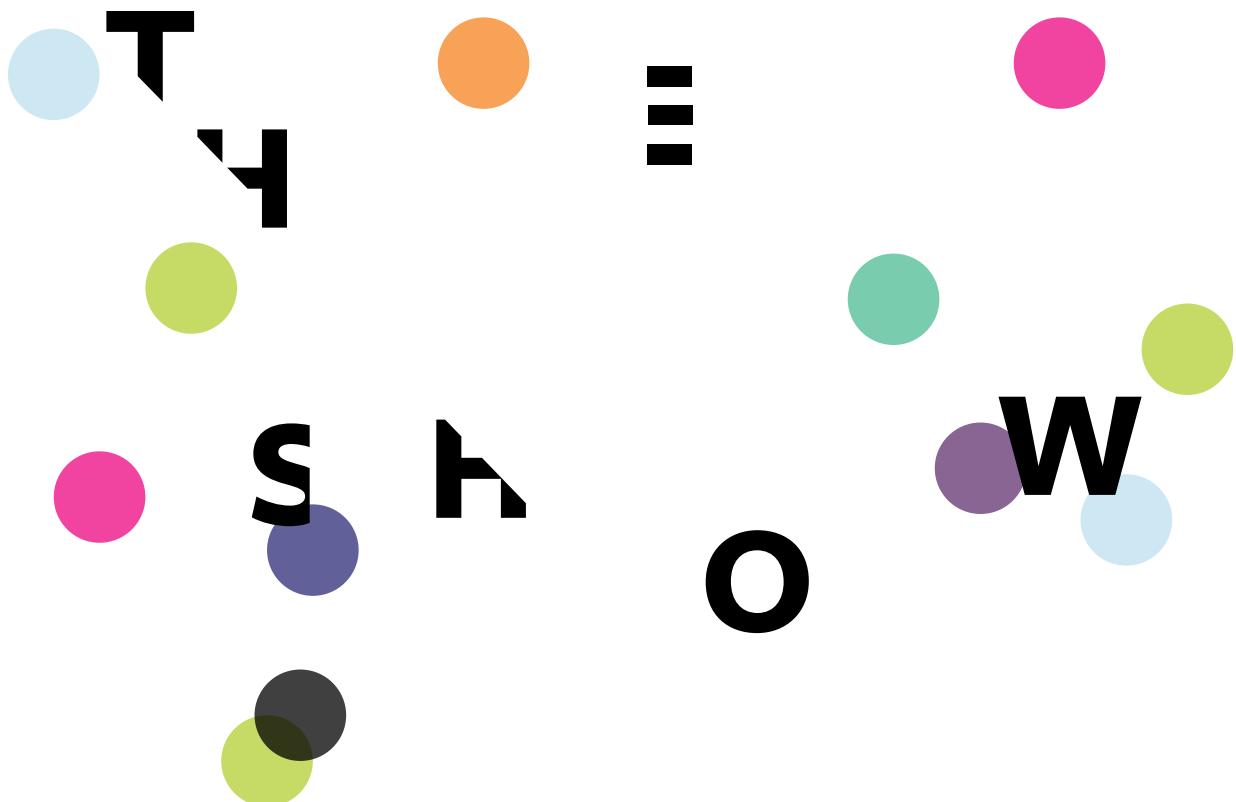
Alumni Association

Congratulations on completing your degree! We're proud to welcome you to our renowned alumni community. Your new alumni status comes with perks. Upon graduating, you automatically become a member of the Emily Carr University Alumni Association, which grants you free access to a number of benefits and services. Visit ecuad.ca/alumni for details and start enjoying your alumni privileges today.

You're now part of an alumni group with connections around the world. Stay connected through our social media channels, join our networking platform, The Leeway, and get to know the alumni association board at ecuua.ca.

Please share your news and successes with us so we can continue to cheer you on!

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Welcome graduating students, award recipients, honoured guests, family, friends, alumni and the Emily Carr University community! We invite you to celebrate the achievements of the Class of 2025 during our annual graduate exhibition, The Show. Visit us in person from May 7 through May 21, and experience the virtual exhibition online, anytime.



BACHELOR OF DESIGN COMMUNICATION DESIGN

Stuart Argo
Jordan Beaumont
Summer Bilsky
Shamsa Bin malek
Danielle Lauren Bryant
Naomi Burke
Ava Cassar Torregiani
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Chih chi Chen
Chelsie Chin
Dario Da Silva
Ruijie Dai
Kathy Deng
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Stuti Gulati
Ethan Harrison
Natalia Herrera Yong
Luca Jacoe
Harmeem kaur
Clare Yeon Lee
Siyeon Sienna Lee
Sienna Lee
Ming Lee
Daehyun Lim
Olivia Martin
Joshua Matheson
Clara Monteiro Gonçalves
Seoyoung Moon
Leila Mukherjee
Madeleine Mullen
Paige Neufeld
Evzen Pabellon
Diya Utkarsh Patel
Coel Poesiat
Aidan Pompilio
Mhairi Artemisia Elizabeth Prins
Anoushka Rawal
Emma Leigh Paige Rogers
Graciella Rosary
Jessica Ruffolo
Samaah Sidiqi
Sakeena Soni
Marius Tam
Alice Tien
An Tran
Alisa Trysheva
Chloe Tseng
Eduardo Vinocur Wahba
Georgia Wagner
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Yimeng Yang
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Fiona Billinton
Liam Borsa
Adora Buxton
Victoria Chan
Yulong Chen
Adrian Nicholas deHeer-Amissah
Oscar Derben
Luke Kieran Dunn
Eden Eisses
Tenaya Joan Fogelman
Lucas Gomes Balthazar
Robin Grotzke
Liam Haigh
Isy Humenny
Nao Ide
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Yoona Kim
Chaelyn Lee
Talena Lordrin
Camila Lozano
Emelie Lundstrom
Samuel McInnis
Benjamin Mignault
Mỹ Quyên Ông
Megan Pereria
Mathis Pourrier
Zeyao Qiu
Michelle Qu
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Maxim Rockel
Natalie Schmidt
Dena Smith
Yixuan Sun
Tommy Yixuan Sun
Ariana Felicity Tan
Lena Tarr
Deborah Faye Parafina Tuazon
Anitta Twardzik
Aradhita Virmani
Alex Wang
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Xing Yicong
Finnian Young
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Eshaan Logani
Athmika Manoj
Andril Mazur
Shizhi Mei
Anoushka Aneesh Nair
Yuna Oh
Wesley Paterson
Paniz Payam
Roshana Rostami
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Jolene Shen
Sania Siddiqui
Yelu Song
Kinasih Utoro
Ting Wang
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Zimo Xu
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Yongying Yang
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Kevin Yu
Wendy Yu
Zoe Zhang
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Liang Zhu

**BACHELOR OF MEDIA ARTS
2D + EXPERIMENTAL
ANIMATION**

Skye Allen
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Paige Arace
Aranza Berges Navarrete
Carola Campa
Madeleine Campbell
Bianca Castagno
ALYCIA YUK YEN CHAN
Kayla Cunanan
Viva D'Anna
Luna Davies
Junlin Duan
Shelby Duyvestyn
Deanne Angelina Emery
C. Fears
Yuanxue Gao
Gina Guan
Alexis Han
Anran Hao
Asa Harrenstein
Marymay Howse
Marymay Margaret Howse
Lucy Jesperson
Rose Khadka
Grace Kim
Ryah SM King
Ashley Knowler
Hyunkyoung Lee / Po Lee
Natasha Lee
Jewelle Lemonious
Alice Li
Winona Weichun Liao
Jeralyn Magantino
Paulina Manjarrez
Kayleigh Mark
Kaitlyn McAloney
Sydney Mcconney
Lingjun Mi
Kirsten Mills
Edrick Nombrado
Ming Yang Pan
Yije Park
Rafael Rodrigues
Lydia Lok-Ga Rogers
Nishtha Seth
Yuna Shin
Stephanie Sie
Sydnee Violet Sutton
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Emilio Terrazas Rocha
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Suhyeon Yoo
Chloe Yu
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3D COMPUTER ANIMATION**

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Jingjing Fang
Dae- Young Ha
Marissa Hendrawan
Hyunbi Jo
Adryan Jones
Dayeon Kang
Seoyeon Kang
Kang Soo Kyung
Stephan Karuniadi
Sojin Kim
Victoria Korina
Vy Le
Jieun Lee
Nahyeon Lee
Rotem Levy
Li Siqi
Yushan Li
Maggie Lin
XUANZHE NI
Nieve Paw Cho Sing
Stella Quast
Maeghan Rodrigues
Caishi Su
Annabelle Bianca Sugiarto
Nicola Su
Jessica Wallis
Lavina Natalie Wijaya
Qianyu Xie
Hui Xu
Christine Yoon
Ching Yan Yu

**BACHELOR OF MEDIA ARTS
FILM + SCREEN ARTS**

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Muhammad Luke Alexander
Yuxi Cai
Lucia Chio Felix
Rylee Cronin
Tristan Hinder-Hohlweg
Lula-Belle Jedynak
Chae Eun Kim
Brennen Michael King
Donya Mossanen-Amini
Quinton Nguyen
Emmalene Nichols
Alexandra Ostroushko
Lake Paredis
Alex Silva
Ava Jane Stanley
Lexi Strachan
Michael Oyaro Swanya
Michael Swanya
Keith Verbonac
Yuhan Yang
Wanying Zhou

Graduands 2025

In support of ECU's EDI focus, and with respect to students' preferred, chosen, cultural and English names; the names presented in this brochure reflect what students submitted.

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