

Convocation 2025

**The Chan Centre
for the Performing Arts**
Thursday, May 8, 2025
Ceremony #2 | 2:30pm





Congratulations

Processional

Graduands

Graduands will be led by
Aan'yas (Austin Harry),
Drummer

Chancellor's Party

The Party will be led by
Sheryl Rivers, Drummer

Kajola Morewood, Mace Bearer

Carleen Thomas
CHANCELLOR

Dr. Trish Kelly
PRESIDENT + VICE-CHANCELLOR

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

Paul Larocque
HONORARY DOCTOR OF
LETTERS RECIPIENT

Chepximiya Siyam'
Chief Janice George
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Diyah Achjadi
VICE-PRESIDENT, ACADEMIC
+ PROVOST

to the Class of 2025!

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OPENING REMARKS
+ WELCOME
Diyah Achjadi
VICE-PRESIDENT, ACADEMIC + PROVOST

CHANCELLOR'S ADDRESS
Carleen Thomas

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS
Dr. Trish Kelly

CONFERRAL OF HONORARY DEGREES
Paul Larocque
HONORARY DOCTOR OF LETTERS RECIPIENT

Chepximiya Siyam'
Chief Janice George
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Presented by Dr. Trish Kelly

PRESENTATION OF MEDALS
Governor General's Gold Medal
Governor General's Silver Medal

PRESENTATION OF DEGREES

Asad Aftab
GRADUATE STUDENT CONVOCATION SPEAKER

Justin Langlois
ASSOCIATE VICE-PRESIDENT, RESEARCH + DEAN, JAKE KERR FACULTY OF GRADUATE STUDIES

Yan Lau
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONVOCATION SPEAKER

Jacqueline Turner
INTERIM DEAN, FACULTY OF CULTURE + COMMUNITY
Introduction of Bachelor of Fine Arts in Critical + Cultural Practices candidates

Kyla Mallett
DEAN, AUDAIN FACULTY OF ART
Introduction of Bachelor of Media Arts in New Media + Sound Art candidates

Introduction of Bachelor of Fine Arts in Illustration, Photography, and Visual Arts candidates

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.

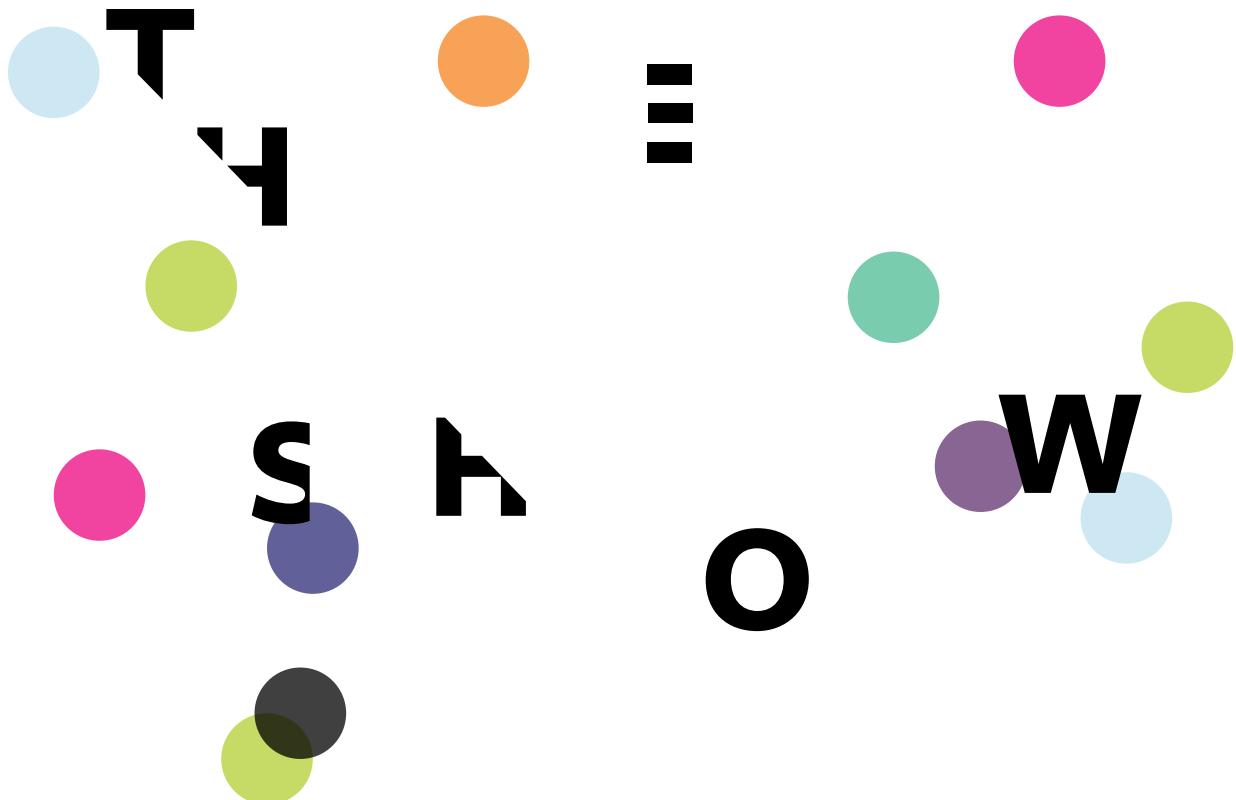
Alumni Association

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 ecuaa.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.



MASTER OF FINE ARTS

Manuele Arias S
Devin Chambers
Alexandrya Eaton
Claudia Goulet-Blais
Lam Hoang
Andrew Ina
Cimarron Knight
Jianing Li
Boya Liang
Michael Lum-Nelmida
Lucine Luo
Pip Mamo Dryden
Marques Marzan
Jen McGowan
Emma Pallay
Andrea Simmonds
Shaina Richelle Stephens
Savanna Todd
Naomi Watkins
Sansa Wu
Xuemei Zhou

MASTER OF DESIGN

Asad Aftab
Jefferson Alade
Maria Azam
Qianxuan Chen
Lilian Zhaotong Chen
Natalie Chiovitti
Chong Man Yee, Melody
Eden Luna Goldet
Jennifer Lamont
Yuchen Liu
Morgan Martino
Julie McIntosh
Joshita Nagaraj
Dechen Nagi
Pritam Paul
Xi Qiu
Ayako Takagi
Yahan Xing
Rebecca Yingci Zhong
Yining Zhou

BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS CRITICAL + CULTURAL PRACTICES

Kenya Buchanan
Jaid Hamilton
Rachael Kahn
Isabella Blanca Roberts
Shaoni Sen

Mikayla Sousae
Rylee Taje
Brie Graham Watson

BACHELOR OF MEDIA ARTS NEW MEDIA + SOUND ART

Natalie Bates
Anais Bedford
Kiyana Darbandi
Katria Phothong-McKinnon
Kyle David Manalang Umali
Yutong Wang

BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS ILLUSTRATION

Nigel Soeren Altmann
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Taliah Basa-watt
Charm Julia Batilo
Kam Behnwiwal
Emma Rae Binnendyk
Teegan Bishop
Angel Chan
Charlotte Cho
Mason De Vin
Kirsten Docherty
Ella Emsheimer
Cindy Fang
Doreen Feng
Mégan Gaudet-Roy
Ynez Maria Gonzalez
Sofia Gottfried Reyes-Retana
Victoria Kelly Hardy
Tessa Harris
Jiaqi He
Edward Hsu
Yaeun Jang
Chaemin Kang
Clara Kathleen
Yan Lau
Jiaxi Li
Jiayi Li
Mingshu Li
Mufei Li
Anjey Lin
QiQi Liu
Candice Martina Mafla Roca
LIAM MILNE
Nyaradzayi Motsi
Nawal Mustapha
Elena Myasnikova

Bethany Pardoe
Sydney Pazurik
Greta Regenstreif
Phoenix Richards
Jacie Ru
Kristina Salchenberger
Stella Sanchez
Kurtis Sawyer
Suvin Sung
Emma Taylor
Alexis Tien-Chow
Kate Turner
Rianna Wang
Zihua Ye
Xiaozhi Yi
Alpha Omega Yu
Jingling Zhang
Jingxuan Zhang

BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS PHOTOGRAPHY

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Xilong Ma
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Tannaz Saatchi
Pierce Sinclair
Sela Volk

BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS VISUAL ARTS

Christian Wayne Abt
Kat Alamouti
Nadia Alikashani
Katherine Allaye-Chan
Tessa Amery
Jordyn Julianna Ashdown
Ariadne Asturiano Vera
Jun Baek
Natali Barragan Padilla
Mira Barrett McBride
Kinga Bartho
Matisse Benning
Anna Berisheva
Nicole Cruz Bie
Ash Boan
Vanessa Bolinger

Emma Bradshaw
Emma Burik
Farung Butboon
Sarah Cartlidge
Jennifer Cheon
Derrick Chiang
Rylan Cocks
Freyr 'Bunny' Cohen
Shanti Cordoni-Jordan
Rachel Crane
Rowyn Dickson
Indigo Dipple
Kyla Dooley
Ava-Taylor Fanzega-Mcbean
Alexander Felton
Casey Fisher
Jessica Fraser
Rina Reyes
Danny Ramirez
Elisa Gerhards
Lucas Cid
Cecily Gong
Jasmine Gong
Danya Gorodetsky
Naomi Guan
Nicole Hawkins
Alivia Hein
Laura Lindsey Herridge
Elina Hester
Haleigh Hillock
Michelle Hong
Ronger Hua
Dima Abu Husein
Leanne Inuarak-Dall
Lenna Ius
Lauren James Davies
Amelia Jangula
Ruiyang Jiang
Alysha Johnny Hawkins
Nadia Jones
Maya Kamachi
Jiwon Kang
Galateia Kefalas
Marvi Khan
Christina Chaeyoung Kim
Elizabeth Minseo Kim
Anna Klijen
Ella Koehn
Joshua Koole
Shelly Kositsky
Felicia Krisno
Thiseni Krishnorubadu
Ilke Kunduraci

Katherine Langdon
Ingrid Lau
Gloria Jae Hee Lee
Karen Leon
Oranda Mu Li
Peiyang Li
Sally Li
John (Zhenting) Li
Joanna Liang
Qixia Liang
Ziyi Lin
Sarah Liu
Ro lobo
Ziyi Long
Lauren Lopez Chamorro
Keilah Lukenbill-Williams
JiaNi Ma
Lindsay MacIver
Carina Maffett
Ruth Louise Major
Sun-Nam Manuel
Crys Martin
Silva Martinez
Ava Mashinchian Moradi
Sarah Massé
Eknoor Matharoo
Kira Meyer
Lucas Mindzak
Xaroush Miremadi
Priti narang
Jade Ng Chun Wing
Nikkala Niro
Sar Nordstrom
Shea O'Donnell
Mihiro Oikawa
Feve Amora Omipon
Frankie Palmer
Yige Pan
Chaewon Park
Michael Partridge
Laura Clair Perry
Allysa Pierre
Anna Pyper
Philip Randle Newcombe
Bailey Rasmussen Cooper
Carmen Paola Redunante
Emily Reilhan
Aaron Rice
Ava Ross
Marina Ross
Paloma Ruiz Chong
Simone Linnea Seipp
Lara Senol

Qianqian Shen
Yiwen Shen
Yixuan Shi
Ava Simard
Ann Simms
Sandra Smolski
Yuanxi Song
Juri Sudo-Rustad
Defne Su Taslicay
Krysta Tayag
Eknoor Thind
Jevon Thompson
Jade Toth
Claire Ulrich
Paula Valentin Rodriguez
Parumveer Walia
Blanc Junxian Wang
Shuocheng Wang
Jesse Ward
Kiara Watson
J Webster
Khael Weston
Ella White
Shannon Winona
Bowie Wong
Xiao Yao
Jiaqi Xu
Yumeng Ye
Xinyue Zhang
Fei Fei Zhang
Yujia Zhang

IN MEMORIAM

May 27, 2000 – February 27, 2025
Shayne Weston Abbott-Arcan

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION VISUAL ARTS

Miriam van de Mond

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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