

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

to the Class of 2025!

Ceremony

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OPENING REMARKS

+ WELCOME

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CHANCELLOR'S ADDRESS

Carleen Thomas

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

Dr. Trish Kelly

CONFERRAL OF HONORARY DEGREES

Paul Larocque
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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 Leonis, an internationally recognized choral ensemble.



**Chepximiya Siyam'
Chief 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 Xwalackfun (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.

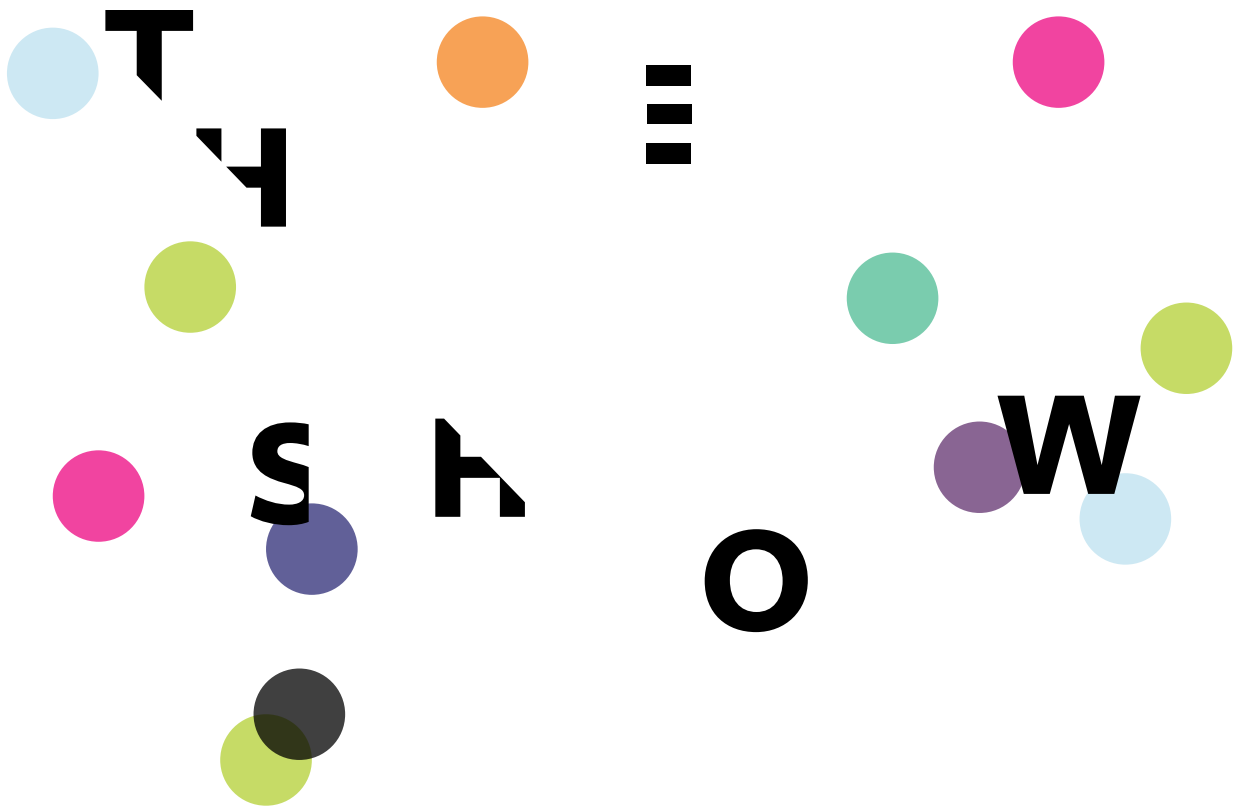
Alumni Association

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 Behniwal
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

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Tannaz Saatchi
Pierce Sinclair
Sela Volk

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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 Klijsen
 Ella Koehn
 Joshua Koole
 Shelly Kositsky
 Felicia Krisno
 Thiseni Krithorubadu
 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 Iobo
 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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