



VIRTUAL COMMENCEMENT

MAY 16, 2020

BEGINNING AT 11:00AM PDT

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OUR MISSION

The mission of Cornish College of the Arts is to provide students aspiring to become practicing artists with an educational program of the highest possible quality, in an environment that nurtures creativity and intellectual curiosity, while preparing them to contribute to society as artists, citizens, and innovators.

Cornish realizes this mission by offering baccalaureate studies in the performing and visual arts and by serving as a focal point in the community for public presentation, artistic criticism, participation and discussion of the arts.

CORNISH COLLEGE OF THE ARTS

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President

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Isabel Lula Adesuwa Orobaton
Theater Candidate

STUDENT PERFORMER

Alexander Gregory Michels
Music Candidate

STUDENT SPEAKER

Vanessa Keran Hough
Art Candidate

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Skye Borgman
Theater '94

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES

Respective Department Chairs

STUDENT PERFORMER

Aja Breana Green
Dance Candidate

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Provost and VP of Academic Affairs

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Casey Trutner Hartman
Theater Candidate

ART DEPARTMENT

Kevin Goodrich, Chair

Bachelor of Fine Arts in Art Degree Candidates

Kathryn E Currier, Magna Cum Laude

Michaela Elias, Cum Laude

Nathan Haskins

Vanessa Keran Hough

Holly Fuling Jones

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Jessica Muñoz Palomo

Marley Rae Newell

Charlene Rae Orseth, Cum Laude

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Squire Simpson V

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Lionel Porter Vance, Summa Cum Laude

Gabrielle Kate Wellensiek, Cum Laude

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Bachelor of Fine Arts in Dance Degree Candidates

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Allyson Marie Carrillo

Kinsey Michelle De Folo

Blue Ocean Edler

Aja Breana Green

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Allison Grace Kelly

Desiree Kong, Cum Laude

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Gino Alexander Thomas

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Alison Janae Walla, Cum Laude

Catriona Urquhart, Magna Cum Laude

Julia Gail Wiggins

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Bachelor of Fine Arts in Design Degree Candidates

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Kaylan Maye Chrisman

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Linda Ren

Natalie Joy Firebaugh

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Pamela Frausto

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Briana Rae Hall

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Sonya Larson

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Anna Stasia Michaud, Summa Cum Laude

Khai Jeslin Vano-Penalozza, Summa Cum Laude

Grace Kirtly Rigoni

Juniper Irene Laney Ticehurst, Cum Laude

Kaitlin Mary Antonia Williamson

Sofiya Yakubovskaya, Summa Cum Laude

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Lyall Bush, Chair

Bachelor of Fine Arts in Film Degree Candidates

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Peyton Ione Cuddeback-Moran

Neftali Ayele Kirkland

Reilly Miller

Nicholas Carl Pulido, Magna Cum Laude

Quin Sonner

Daniel Justiniano Yabuki, Cum Laude

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Julie Myers, Chair

Bachelor of Fine Arts in Interior Architecture Degree Candidates

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Elizabeth Ann Phillips

Lucy Bloedel Potter, *Magna Cum Laude*

Carmen Marie Woodson

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Bachelor of Music Degree Candidates

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Caleb John Sapa

PERFORMANCE PRODUCTION DEPARTMENT

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Bachelor of Fine Arts in Performance Production Degree Candidates

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Jordan Michelle Couper, *Summa Cum Laude*

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Damon T.R. Reaney

Kai Tomoko Kealani Tamashiro, *Magna Cum Laude*

Sydney Grace Thieme, *Summa Cum Laude*

Olivia Katherine Toombs, *Magna Cum Laude*

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Isabel Corinne Bammer, *Magna Cum Laude*

Clara Elise Burton, *Cum Laude*

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Jacqueline Castillo

Nanea Carroll, *Cum Laude*

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Makayla Gayle

Michelle Marais Goodwin, *Cum Laude*

Casey Trutner Hartman, *Cum Laude*

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Kekoa

Jessica Rose Kinsman

Melinda Faith Macklem, *Cum Laude*

Cassidy Mitchell, *Magna Cum Laude*

Keller O'Malley

Katerina Lyubov Orlov, *Magna Cum Laude*

Isabel Lula Adesuwa Orobato, *Summa Cum Laude*

Alexandra Paige Ransier

Myles Joseph Romo, *Magna Cum Laude*

Leah Schiman

William Keyes Schlosser, *Magna Cum Laude*

Hannah Marie Schul, *Cum Laude*

Vintre Conrad Scott

Sahaja Tara Shapiro

Julia Christian Smith, *Summa Cum Laude*

Shamus Preston Stubbs

Jacqueline Marie Thompson, *Magna Cum Laude*

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COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

SKYE BORGMAN

Skye Borgman is an award-winning director and cinematographer who films narrative and documentary films all over the world. She has worked as a professional cinematographer for over 15 years. She has shot over 50 films, traveled to over 60 countries and lived on three continents. Her global experiences guide her vision, thought and approach to filmmaking. This gives her the unique ability to connect with all types of personalities. She has filmed rock-stars, prime ministers, drug addicts, environmentalists, Academy award winners, Buddhist nuns and anarchist chocolate makers. Skye's love of adventure, respect for humanity and great passion for storytelling makes her an indispensable creative partner.

Skye's latest documentary, *ABDUCTED IN PLAIN SIGHT* has received 11 awards (so far) on the festival circuit and the film became widely available in January 2019 on Netflix. Other awards include the "Accolade Award of Excellence" and "Best Documentary Feature" for "Junk Dreams" (Director/Cinematographer/Producer) and Best Cinematography awards for her work on "China Lake", "Axe To Grind" "Schooled" and "The Cellar Door". Notable documentaries that Skye has filmed include: "Well Now You're Here, There is No Way Back", a Big



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Hair Rock N' Roll documentary on Quiet Riot. "Nothing Like Chocolate" a poetic film about ethically produced chocolate. "Mumia: Long Distance Revolutionary", which chronicles the life of the former death row inmate Mumia Abu-Jamal. "We Are Galapagos", an intimate portrait of the people of the Galapagos, and "Science For Monks", a film about Monks learning Science. With a keen sense of adventure, Skye brings excitement to everything that she films. Her fusion of lighting, collaboration, and absolute fearlessness gives her filmmaking an evocative, honest and approachable style.

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- 1986 AUDREY KERRY, Community Leader
- 1988 DAVID E. SKINNER, Community Leader
- 1991 CHARLES F. OSBORN, Co-Trustee, the Kreielsheimer Foundation
- 1999 PING CHONG, Artist
- 2000 DON JOHNSON, Co-Trustee, the Kreielsheimer Foundation
- 2001 PETER DONNELLY, President, Corporate Council of the Arts
- 2002 MEREDITH MONK, Composer, Singer, Director, Filmmaker
- 2003 IDA COLE, Founding Director, Seattle Theater Group, Arts Advocate
- 2004 VIRGINIA ANDERSON, Executive Director, Seattle Center
- 2005 GERARD SCHWARZ, Music Director, Seattle Symphony
- 2006 MERCE CUNNINGHAM, Choreographer
- 2007 CARVER GAYTON, Executive Director, Northwest African American Museum
- 2008 DONALD MCKAYLE, Choreographer
- 2008 PETER SELLARS, Artistic Director
- 2009 JOHN FRAME, Sculptor
- 2009 CLAYTON CORZATTE, Actor, Teacher, Director
- 2009 SUSAN CORZATTE, Actor, Teacher, Director
- 2010 BILL EVANS, Choreographer, Performer & Dance Educator
- 2010 NORMAN B. RICE, Honorable Mayor of Seattle (1989-97), Community Leader & Arts Advocate
- 2011 GARY HILL, Video Artist & Sculptor
- 2011 MARK MORRIS, Choreographer
- 2011 JULIAN PRIESTER, Trombonist
- 2012 CHRIS CSIKSZENTMIHÁLYI, Artist, Designer & Technologist
- 2012 CHRISTOPHER O'RILEY, Pianist
- 2012 BETYE SAAR, Collage & Multimedia Artist
- 2013 VIRGINIA JOHNSON, Executive Director, Dance Theatre of Harlem
- 2013 KRONOS QUARTET: HANK DUTT, DAVID HARRINGTON, JOHN SHERBA, & JEFFREY ZEIGLER, Musicians
- 2014 TONY KUSHNER, Playwright
- 2014 DEBORAH RUTTER, President, Chicago Symphony Orchestra & President, Kennedy Center
- 2015 ANNE BOGART, Theater & Opera Director
- 2015 LIZ LERMAN, Choreographer
- 2016 CLARENCE ACOX, Band Director & Jazz Drummer
- 2016 PETE DOCTER, Director, Producer & Voice Actor
- 2016 PAE WHITE, Multimedia Artist
- 2017 JO-ANNE BIRNIE DANZKER, Director Emerita, Frye Art Museum
- 2017 ABIGAIL GRAY SWARTZ, Artist
- 2017 DAVID MARTIN, Art Historian
- 2018 STEPHEN TOBOLOWSKY, Actor, Writer
- 2018 DONALD BYRD, Choreographer, Artistic Director Spectrum Dance
- 2018 AMY WHEELER, Writer, Executive Director, Hedgebrook
- 2019 COLLEEN ATWOOD, Costume Designer
- 8 2019 JANE CHU, NEA Chair, Arts Administrator and Philanthropist

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1960	MRS. FREDERICK RAMHORST
1970	MRS. WALTER RICHER
1981	GIOVANNI COSTIGAN
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1986	BENJAMIN MOORE
1987	LAMAR HARRINGTON
1988	SPEIGHT JENKINS
1989	ELIZABETH HUDDLE
1990	FRED BASSETTI
1991	GERARD SCHWARZ
1992	JAY GATES
1993	PAT GRANEY
1994	JEFF STEITZER
1995	TOM SKERRITT
1996	LOU HARRISON
1997	DANIEL SULLIVAN
1998	JUDY CHICAGO
1999	PING CHONG
2000	SUSAN TRAPNELL
2001	PETER DONNELLY
2002	MEREDITH MONK
2003	IDA COLE
2004	VIRGINIA ANDERSON
2005	GERARD SCHWARZ
2006	KURT BEATTIE
2007	CARVER GAYTON
2008	PETER SELLARS
2009	ERIC LIU
2010	BEN CAMERON
2011	MARK MORRIS
2012	CHRIS CSIKSZENTMIHÁLYI
2013	VIRGINIA JOHNSON
2014	TONY KUSHNER AND DEBORAH RUTTER
2015	ANNE BOGART
2016	PETE DOCTER
2017	JO-ANNE BIRNIE DANZKER
2018	STEPHEN TOBOLOWSKY
2019	JANE CHU

STUDENT SPEAKER HISTORY

1994	MELANIE STALCUP, DANCE
1995	CHRIS GOODSON, THEATER
1996	NATHAN SANTRY, ART
1997	LIBERTY BRADFORD, THEATER
1998	NEAL BASHOR, ART
1999	CORRINA BEFORT, DANCE
2000	CHLOE CHAPIN, PERFORMANCE PRODUCTION
2001	KELSEY KEGEL, DESIGN
2002	GRETTA HARLEY KRAMER, MUSIC
2003	LAURA GILBERT, DANCE
2004	ANDY HOCK, THEATER
2005	DIANA RIESENBERGER, DESIGN
2006	HEATHER BIERMANN, ART
2007	JESSICA SCHROEDER, DANCE
2008	JONATHAN HOONHOUT, THEATER
2009	MARIAH WARE, THEATER
2010	SARAH GROSMAN, THEATER
2011	KOJI MINAMI, DESIGN
2012	SYDNEY TUCKER, THEATER
2013	MILES TOLAND, ART
2014	MARIAH MARTINS, DANCE
2015	KENDRA LEE, PERFORMANCE PRODUCTION
2016	MICHELLE DOMINOWSKI, ART
2017	BLAKE HUDDLESTON, PERFORMANCE PRODUCTION
2018	HEATHER COOK, THEATER
2019	WILYSHA WALTON

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"...WE DOVE INTO THE NITTY-GRITTY, WE DEBATED, WE GOT VULNERABLE, EMOTIONAL, AND WE CHALLENGED ONE ANOTHER AS PEERS AND FACULTY."

Vanessa Keran Hough, Art Candidate

HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS

1914

Founded by Nellie Centennial Cornish as the Cornish School of Music, to provide instruction for children and music teachers. Dance and Theater quickly became part of the curriculum.

1921

Cornish is renamed The Cornish School. Construction of the building now known as “Kerry Hall” is completed. Mark Tobey joins the faculty and establishes the visual arts curriculum.

1930

Martha Graham and Louis Horst join the dance faculty.

1935 – 1936

Cornish establishes radio program. The first coast-to-coast radio broadcast connects Cornish to NBC. Chet Huntley is a student in the radio broadcast program.

1937

John Cage, composer, joins Cornish, and develops his first prepared piano piece for a performance by dance student Syvilla Fort. Merce Cunningham begins his studies in Theater and Dance.

1939 – 1953

Nellie Cornish retires in 1939, and leadership is assumed by governing board.

1954

Music and Art Foundation assumes ownership of The Cornish School.

1955

The Cornish School is renamed Cornish School of the Allied Arts.

1958

Frederick J. Patterson appointed as director of Cornish School of the Allied Arts.

1973

Melvin Strauss, MA, appointed as president of Cornish School of Allied Arts.

1977

Cornish is renamed Cornish Institute of Allied Arts. Cornish Institute is awarded accreditation as a four-year college by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities. Kerry Hall is declared a national landmark. Merce Cunningham and John Cage in residence.

1979

Liberal Arts program established.

1983

Cornish purchases Lakeside School (The St. Nicholas School) and establishes the Cornish North campus. Performance Production department established.

1984

Robert Suderberg, PhD appointed president of Cornish Institute.

1985

The Kreielsheimer Foundation establishes a significant scholarship program.



Nellie Cornish, Founder



Cornish Follies, 1929



Martha Graham

HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS

1986

Robert Funk, PhD appointed president of Cornish. Cornish Institute of Allied Arts is renamed Cornish College of the Arts.

1992

Cornish granted national accreditation for the departments of Art and Design from NASAD (National Association of Schools of Art and Design).

1994

Sergei P. Tschernisch, MFA appointed president of Cornish College of the Arts.

1995 – 1996

Board of Trustees adopts the Cornish's first strategic plan with the accompanying master campus plan and begins a comprehensive capital campaign.

1996

Cornish joins Consortium for the Liberal Education of Artists (CLEA).

2001

Humanities & Sciences program established as its own department.

2002

Board of Trustees adopts a comprehensive capital campaign for consolidation and expansion of the campus in South Lake Union. Cornish College establishes the freshman integrated experience.

2003

With the purchase of the Main Campus Center and Raisbeck Hall, Cornish College of the Arts relocates Art, Design, Humanities & Sciences, Performance Production, Theater, its Library and Student Services to its new campus in South Lake Union.

2008

Cornish adds the Notion building to its downtown campus.

2009

Cornish establishes two student residence halls adjacent to the downtown campus.

2011

Nancy J. Uscher, PhD installed as the president of Cornish College of the Arts. Cornish acquires the Centennial Lab.

2014

The Cornish Playhouse is opened at the Seattle Center. Cornish breaks ground on new residence hall adjacent to Main Campus Center.

2015

Cornish graduates its centennial class. Cornish Commons, the new residence hall, opens August 25.

2016

Chris Kevorkian named interim president.

2018

Star Rush appointed acting president. Raymond Tymas-Jones, PhD installed as president of Cornish College of the Arts.

2019

Cornish breaks ground on 2019 Boren, location of gallery and performance hall as part of new multi-use development with Holland Residential. William Seigh appointed Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs.

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A. Rey Pamatmat, Assistant Professor, Theater
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