

# *Convocation 2025*

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





# ***Congratulations***

## **Processional**

### *Graduands*

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

### *Chancellor's Party*

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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  
**HONORARY DOCTOR OF  
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Diyan Achjadi  
**VICE-PRESIDENT, ACADEMIC  
+ PROVOST**

# *to the Class of 2025!*

## Ceremony

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### OPENING REMARKS

#### + WELCOME

Diyan 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  
**HONORARY DOCTOR OF  
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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 Leoní, 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

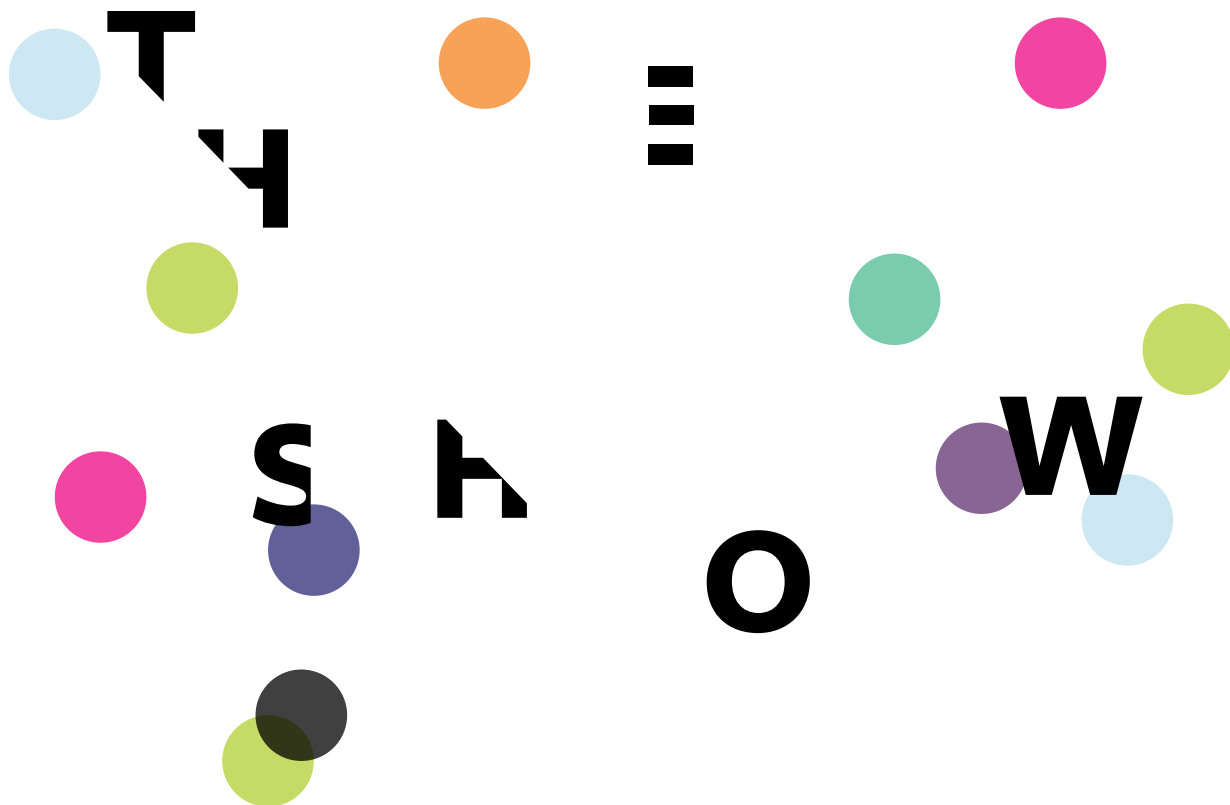
Congratulations on completing your degree! We're proud to welcome you to our renowned alumni community. Your new alumni status comes with perks. Upon graduating, you automatically become a member of the Emily Carr University Alumni Association, which grants you free access to a number of benefits and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

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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  
Glory Munroe  
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  
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 Leanne Inuarak-Dall  
 Lenna Ius  
 Lauren James Davies  
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 Marvi Khan  
 Christina Chaeyoung Kim  
 Elizabeth Minseo Kim  
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 Ella Koehn  
 Joshua Koole  
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 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  
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 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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