



Longy School of Music of Bard College  
**2020 VIRTUAL COMMENCEMENT  
EXERCISES**

Saturday, May 9, 2020



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**Processional**

Grayston Ives  
(b. 1948)

Libor Dudas, organ  
*Longy faculty*

**Welcome**

Karen Zorn

*President of Longy School of Music of Bard College*

**Greetings**

Garth Greimann, *Chair of Longy Board of Governors*

**Student Speaker**

Karlie Traversa. *Master of Arts in Teaching '18*  
*Master of Music Candidate in Vocal Performance*  
*Jack Megan Outreach Scholar*

**Congratulations from the Dean**

Wayman Chin, *Dean of the Conservatory*

*(continued)*

**Address**

Nadia Sirota, *Violist*  
*Creative Partner of the New York Philharmonic*  
*Peabody Award-winning podcast host*

**Presentation of Student Achievement Awards**

Wayman Chin, *Dean of the Conservatory*  
Margaret Rohde Award  
Patricia Sherman Award  
President's Award for Excellence in Community Engagement  
Roman Totenberg Award

**Charge to the Graduates**

Leon Botstein, *President of Bard College*

**Presentation of Degrees, Diplomas, and Certificates**

*Digital Scrolling List of All Graduates*

# GRADUATES

## UNDERGRADUATE DIPLOMA

### **Kalden Alexander**

Piano Performance  
Hometown: Stratham,  
New Hampshire  
B.M., Emerson College

### **Shiyue Cao**

Vocal Performance  
Hometown: Chongqing,  
China

### **Yanran Fu**

Piano Performance  
Hometown: Wuhan,  
Hubei, China

### **Claire Noelle James**

Flute Performance  
Hometown: Durango,  
Colorado

### **Rachel Ruth Rosier**

Viola Performance  
Hometown: Eugene, Oregon

### **Nickolas Stavros**

Flute Performance  
*Frank Keith Scholar*  
Hometown: Collinsville,  
Oklahoma

### **Wanyu Zang**

Piano Performance  
Hometown: Urumqi,  
Xinjiang, China

## DALCROZE CERTIFICATE

### **Weronika Balewski**

Hometown: Kraków, Poland  
B.F.A., Carnegie Mellon  
University; M.M., Longy  
School of Music of  
Bard College

## GRADUATE DIPLOMA

### **Ryan W. Garvey**

Composition  
Hometown: West Warwick,  
Rhode Island  
B.A., B.S., University of  
Rhode Island; M.M., Longy  
School of Music of  
Bard College

### **Stephany Svorinić**

Composition  
Hometown: New York, New  
York  
B.A., New York University;  
M.M., New Jersey  
City University

## GRADUATE PERFORMANCE DIPLOMA

### **Kenneth Charles Allen**

Historical Performance  
Hometown: Cambridge,  
Massachusetts  
B.A., University of North  
Carolina at Chapel Hill;  
M.A., Harvard University;  
M.M., Boston Conservatory

### **Margaret Boswell**

Piano Performance  
Hometown: Frederick,  
Maryland  
B.M., Samford University;  
M.M., Longy School of Music  
of Bard College

### **Lixue Cheng**

Piano Performance  
Hometown: Wenzhou,  
Zhejiang, China  
B.M., James Madison  
University

### **Mengyu Fu**

Piano Performance  
Hometown: Fuyang,  
Anhui, China  
B.M., Anhui Normal  
University; M.M., Longy  
School of Music of  
Bard College

**Nan Gao**

Piano Performance  
Hometown: Ningbo, China  
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University; M.M., Longy  
School of Music of  
Bard College

**Xinqin Huang**

Violin Performance  
Hometown: Yangjiang,  
Guangdong, China  
B.M., Minzu University of  
China; M.M., Longy School  
of Music of Bard College

**In Lee**

Piano Performance  
Hometown: Jeju City,  
Jejudo, Republic of Korea  
B.M., Jeju National  
University; M.M., Honam  
Theological University  
and Seminary

**Yuyin Li**

Piano Performance  
Hometown: Harbin, China  
B.M., Huaqiao University;  
M.M., Longy School of Music  
of Bard College

**HsinYu Lin**

Horn Performance  
Hometown: Taipei, Taiwan  
B.A., Soochow University;  
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**Pei Chien Lin**

Clarinet Performance  
Hometown: Taipei, Taiwan  
B.M., Chinese Culture  
University; M.M., Longy  
School of Music of  
Bard College

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Piano Performance  
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Taiwan  
B.M., National Hsinchu  
University of Education;  
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Collaborative Piano  
Performance  
*Sandra Bakalar Scholar*  
Hometown: Dalian, China  
Undergraduate Diploma,  
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Clarinet Performance  
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B.M., Boston Conservatory;  
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Flute Performance  
Hometown: Shanghai, China  
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University

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Clarinet Performance  
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Piano Performance  
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College, University of Delhi;  
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of Bard College

**Wenran Meng**

Viola Performance  
*Eugene Lehner Scholar*  
Hometown: Harbin, China  
B.M., Shenandoah  
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Violin Performance  
Hometown: Goshen, Indiana  
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Longy School of Music of  
Bard College

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Vocal Performance  
Hometown: Pingxiang,  
China  
B.A., Tianjin Conservatory of  
Music; M.M., Longy School  
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**Job Salazar Fonseca**

Historical Performance  
*Lindsay and Garth Greimann  
Scholar and The Cambridge  
Homes Certified Music  
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Hometown: Cambridge,  
Massachusetts  
B.M., Brigham Young  
University-Idaho; M.M.,  
Graduate Performance  
Diploma, Boston  
Conservatory

**Bo-Rung Su**

Vocal Performance  
Hometown: Taoyuan, Taiwan  
B.A., M.A., Tunghai  
University

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Viola Performance  
Hometown: New Taipei City,  
Taiwan  
B.A., Soochow University;  
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Violin Performance  
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University; M.M., Longy  
School of Music of  
Bard College



**Bixiao Wang**

Vocal Performance  
Hometown: Harbin, China  
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Music; M.M., Longy School  
of Music of Bard College

**Yalin Yavuz**

Flute Performance  
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B.M., Berklee College of  
Music

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Piano Performance  
*Jane Brock-Wilson Scholar*  
Hometown: Wuhan, Hubei,  
China  
B.M., Wuhan Conservatory  
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School of Music of  
Bard College

**Jiani Zhuang**

Piano Performance  
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China  
B.A., East China Normal  
University; M.M., Longy  
School of Music of  
Bard College

## MASTER OF MUSIC

### **Arita Lynn Acton Justus**

Viola Performance with  
Emphasis in Historical  
Performance  
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Washington  
A.A., Wenatchee Valley  
College; B.M., Brigham  
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### **Thomas F. Albanese**

Historical Performance  
*Cherubini Scholar*  
Hometown: Portland,  
Oregon  
B.M., Roosevelt University;  
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the Arts

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Piano Performance  
Hometown:  
Gyeongsangnam-do,  
South Korea  
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Opera Performance  
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University

### **Matthew Bishop Burn**

Historical Performance  
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South Carolina  
B.M., Oberlin Conservatory  
of Music

### **Nickolette Marie Cartales**

Viola Performance  
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Massachusetts  
B.A., Ithaca College

### **Lixue Cheng**

Piano Performance  
Hometown: Wenzhou,  
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B.M., James Madison  
University

### **Aaron Clarke**

Composition  
*Minnie Goldberg Scholar*  
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B.M., University of  
Southern Maine

**Mary Loretta Cleary**

Vocal Performance  
Hometown: South Londonderry, Vermont  
B.A., Sarah Lawrence College; M.A., Aaron Copland School of Music, Queens College, C.U.N.Y.; M.A., Psya. D., Boston Graduate School of Psychoanalysis

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Composition  
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Jazz and Contemporary Music Performance  
Hometown: Burlington, North Carolina  
B.M., Appalachian State University

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Vocal Performance  
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Hometown: Chelmsford, Massachusetts  
B.M., Ithaca College

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Piano Performance  
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B.A., B.M.E., Alabama State University

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Cello Performance  
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Jazz and Contemporary Music Performance  
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Vocal Performance  
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B.M., Central Conservatory of Music

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Opera Performance  
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Vocal Performance  
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Scholar*

Hometown: Calabar, Cross  
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A.A., Rose State College;  
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Opera Performance  
Hometown: Fairfax, Virginia  
B.M., University of Miami

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Vocal Performance  
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Historical Performance  
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Opera Performance  
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Jazz and Contemporary  
Music Performance  
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B.A., Ilia State University;  
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of Music

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Opera Performance  
Hometown: Monterrey,  
Mexico  
B.A., Tecnológico de  
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Composition  
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B.A., Shanghai Theatre  
Academy

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Jazz and Contemporary  
Music Performance  
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B.M., University of Denver

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Piano Performance  
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B.A., Shenyang  
Conservatory of Music;  
Graduate Performance  
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Piano Performance  
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B.M., National Tsing  
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Vocal Performance  
Hometown: Dali, China  
B.M., Xian Conservatory  
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Vocal Performance  
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B.M., Shanghai University;  
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Vocal Performance  
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B.A., Sichuan Conservatory  
of Music; M.A., Shanghai  
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Piano Performance  
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New York  
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Clarinet Performance  
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B.M., Minzu University  
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Performance Diploma,  
Longy School of Music of  
Bard College

**Zhiyan Jin**

Piano Performance  
Hometown: Yixing, Jiangsu,  
China  
B.M., Nanjing Normal  
University

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Vocal Performance  
Hometown: Chevy Chase,  
Maryland  
B.A., Middlebury College

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Vocal Performance  
Hometown: San Diego,  
California  
B.A., Smith College

**Kristin E. Lawler**

Vocal Performance

*Nancy Peery Marriott  
Scholar*

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B.M., Capital University

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Vocal Performance

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Undergraduate Diploma,  
China Conservatory of Music

**Peiyang Li**

Piano Performance

Hometown: Jingzhou, China  
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of Music

**Qiuyu Li**

Vocal Performance

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B.M., M.M., Tianjin  
Conservatory of Music

**Shiqi Li**

Piano Performance

Hometown: Guangdong,  
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B.M., China Conservatory  
of Music

**Xuechun Li**

Piano Performance

Hometown: Tianjin, China  
B.M., Tianjin Conservatory  
of Music

**Zhongyu Li**

Violin Performance

Hometown: Wuhan,  
Hubei, China  
B.A., Wuhan Conservatory  
of Music

**Yuqi Liao**

Composition

Hometown: Guangzhou,  
China  
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of Music

**Meihong Lin**

Vocal Performance

Hometown: Foshan City,  
China  
B.A., South China  
Agricultural University

**Jiadi Liu**

Double Bass Performance

Hometown: Tai'an,  
Shandong, China  
B.M., Tianjin Conservatory  
of Music

**Jiayu Liu**

Double Bass Performance

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Hunan, China  
B.M., Wuhan Conservatory  
of Music

**Xiaobo Liu**

Piano Performance  
Hometown: Xinjiang, China  
B.M., Sichuan Conservatory  
of Music

**Xinyue Lu**

Flute Performance  
Hometown: Weifang, China  
B.M., Ocean University  
of China

**Yanming Lu**

Clarinet Performance  
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China  
B.A., Central China  
Normal University

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Piano Performance  
Hometown: Shenyang,  
Liaoning, China  
B.M., Shenyang  
Conservatory of Music

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Piano Performance  
Hometown: Zhengzhou City,  
China  
B.M., Wuhan Conservatory  
of Music

**James K. Mandart**

Composition  
*Nadia and Lili Boulanger  
Scholar*  
Hometown: Patchogue,  
New York  
B.A., Hobart and William  
Smith Colleges

**Erika Nicolle Matei**

Piano Performance  
Hometown: Ringwood,  
New Jersey  
B.M., Eastman School  
of Music

**Molly McCoy**

Opera Performance  
Hometown: Manchester-by-  
the-Sea, Massachusetts  
B.M., Keene State College

**Robert Carl William Milner**

Vocal Performance  
Hometown: Edinburgh,  
Scotland  
B.Mus. (Hons), Edinburgh  
Napier University

**Assumpta Munsí**

Opera Performance  
*Giustina M. Brosio Memorial  
Scholar*  
Hometown: Nuremberg,  
Germany  
B.M., Hochschule für Musik  
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**Veronica Linh Ngọc Nguyen**

Opera Performance

*Jack\* and Carol Kline*

*Scholar*

Hometown: Fort Worth,

Texas

B.M., Long Island University

C.W. Post

**Siyu Pan**

Vocal Performance

Hometown: Nanjing, China

B.A., Nanjing Normal

University

**Sebastian Patino-Echeverri**

Trumpet Performance

Hometown: Medellín,

Colombia

B.M., University of EAFIT

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Vocal Performance

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Undergraduate Diploma,

Central South University

**Cortlin N. Presley**

Vocal Performance

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B.A., Illinois Wesleyan

University

**Tatum Robertson**

Opera Performance

*Lia and William*

*Poorvu Scholar*

Hometown: New Orleans,

Louisiana

B.M., The Juilliard School

**Abby Mae Rogers**

Opera Performance

*Bernard A. Letourneau*

*Scholar*

Hometown: Pittsburgh,

Pennsylvania

B.M., Ithaca College

**Marsé A. Romero**

Opera Performance

Hometown: Temple Hills,

Maryland

B.S., Frostburg State

University

**Weiming Shi**

Composition

Hometown: Baoding, China

B.E., North China Electric

Power University

**Maria Elaine Sulimirski**

**Abousleiman**

Vocal Performance

Hometown: New York,

New York

B.A., Columbia University



**Derik Thomas**

Composition  
Hometown: Alma, Michigan  
B.M., Belmont University

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Opera Performance  
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Alabama  
B.M., Samford University

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Vocal Performance  
*Jack Megan Outreach*  
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Hometown: Plainfield, Illinois  
B.A. (Hons), North Park  
University; M.A.T., Longy  
School of Music of  
Bard College

**Jocelyn Patrice van Wyk**

Opera Performance  
Hometown: Kimberly, Idaho  
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University

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Collaborative Piano  
Performance  
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Vocal Performance  
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China  
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Vocal Performance  
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Hunan, China  
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Cello Performance  
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**Liwei Wang**

Piano Performance  
Hometown: Hubei, China  
B.F.A., Wuhan Conservatory  
of Music

**Ran Wang**

Vocal Performance  
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B.M., Xiamen University

**Xiang Wang**

Piano Performance  
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**Yikun Wang**

Cello Performance  
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of Music

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Vocal Performance  
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Jiangsu, China  
B.M., Nanjing Normal  
University

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Piano Performance  
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B.M., Nanjing Normal  
University

**Annetta Violet Whetham**

Vocal Performance  
Hometown: Cambridge,  
Ontario, Canada  
Diploma in Applied Music,  
Mohawk College; B.M.,  
University of Lethbridge

**Maria Katherine Whitcomb**

Opera Performance  
Hometown: Hurley,  
New York  
B.M., M.A., Syracuse  
University

**Chieh Wu**

Piano Performance  
Hometown: Taipei, Taiwan  
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University

**Jessica Wu**

Flute Performance  
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Scholar*  
Hometown: Houston, Texas  
B.M., University of Houston

**Yashu Xia**

Vocal Performance  
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B.M., Xiamen University Tan  
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Piano Performance  
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**Yanfei Yao**

Vocal Performance  
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University

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Vocal Performance  
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Zhejiang, China  
Undergraduate Diploma,  
Hangzhou Normal University  
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Piano Performance  
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B.M., Sichuan Conservatory  
of Music

**Qiuyi Zhang**

Vocal Performance  
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**Suyi Zhang**

Vocal Performance  
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B.A., Nanjing University of  
the Arts

**Xiaoxi Zhang**

Piano Performance  
Hometown: Hefei, China  
B.F.A., Soochow University

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Clarinet Performance  
Hometown: Taiyuan,  
Shanxi, China  
B.M., M.M., Shanxi University

**Jiaying Zhu-Mowry**

Composition  
Vocal Performance  
Hometown: Shanghai, China  
B.A., Bridgewater State  
University

## ARTIST DIPLOMA

### **Milos Bjelica**

Clarinet Performance  
*Natasha Jacoff Scholar*  
Hometown: Belgrade, Serbia  
Undergraduate Diploma,  
University of Belgrade;  
M.M., Graduate Performance  
Diploma, Longy School of  
Music of Bard College

### **Paulius Pancekauskas**

Piano Performance  
*Jane and Neil Pappalardo  
Scholar*  
Hometown: Vilnius,  
Lithuania  
B.M., Lithuanian Music and  
Theatre Academy; M.M.,  
Longy School of Music of  
Bard College

### **Liubomyr Senyshyn**

Violin Performance  
*Roman and Melanie  
Totenberg Scholar*  
Hometown: Ivano-Frankivsk,  
Ukraine  
B.M., M.M., Lviv National  
Music Academy; Graduate  
Performance Diploma,  
Longy School of Music of  
Bard College

## MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING

### **Andre Jamal Cardine Jr.**

Hometown: Chicago, Illinois  
B.A., Oberlin College

### **Christopher M. Chandler**

Hometown: Los Angeles,  
California  
B.M., Musicians Institute

### **Joh C. Chase**

Hometown: Bothell,  
Washington  
B.A., Azusa Pacific  
University

### **Nori Tatiana Durham**

Hometown: Arcadia,  
California  
B.M., University of Redlands

**Aaron E. Glaser**

Hometown: York,  
Pennsylvania  
B.A., York College of  
Pennsylvania

**Akhil Gopal**

Hometown: Los Angeles,  
California  
B.M., Berklee College of  
Music

**Rachel Anne Hacker**

Hometown: Trenton, Ohio  
B.M., Baldwin Wallace  
Conservatory; M.M., New  
York University; M.F.A.,  
California Institute of  
the Arts

**Casey Lipka**

Hometown: Venice,  
California  
B.M., Sacramento State  
University

**Rachel Lopez Fondin**

Hometown: Los Angeles,  
California  
B.M., Amadeo Roldan  
Conservatory

**Ziyad Khan Marcus**

Hometown: Santa Barbara,  
California  
B.A., University of California,  
Los Angeles; M.F.A.,  
California Institute of  
the Arts

**Andrew Medina**

Hometown: Baldwin Park,  
California  
B.A., University of La Verne

**Patrick Olmos**

Hometown: Whittier,  
California  
B.M., California State  
University Long Beach;  
M.M., University of Missouri  
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**Jeremy E. Parel**

Hometown: Olney, Maryland  
B.Mus., Shenandoah  
Conservatory; M.F.A.,  
California Institute of  
the Arts

**Yifan Zhang**

Hometown: Shaoxing, China  
B.A., Zhejiang Conservatory  
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Normal University

**WINNER OF THE 2020  
LONGY CONSERVATORY ORCHESTRA  
COMPOSITION COMPETITION**

Hsiu-Ping (Patrick) Wu

**WINNER OF THE 2020  
PAPPALARDO COMPOSITION COMPETITION**

Aaron Clarke

## ABOUT NADIA SIROTA

Violist Nadia Sirota's varied career spans solo performances, chamber music, curation, and broadcasting. In all branches of her artistic life she aims to open classical music up to a broader audience. Ms. Sirota's singular sound and expressive execution have served as muse to dozens of composers, including Nico Muhly, Bryce Dessner, Missy Mazzoli, Daniél Bjarnason, Judd Greenstein, Marcos Balter, and David Lang.

As a soloist, Ms. Sirota has appeared with acclaimed orchestras around the world, including the Detroit Symphony, Singapore Symphony, Colorado Symphony, National Arts Centre and Spanish National orchestras, and the Orchestre national d'Île-de-France. She has released four solo albums of commissioned music: *first things first* (2009), *Baroque* (2013), *Keep In Touch* (2016), and *Tessellatum* (2017). Ms. Sirota is a member of Bedroom Community, a collective of musically diverse artists who work and collaborate at Reykjavík's Greenhouse Studios. She has also lent her sound to recording and concert projects by such artists as The National, David Bowie, John Legend, and Björk.

Nadia Sirota is a member of the acclaimed chamber sextet yMusic, whose virtuosic execution and unique configuration have attracted high profile collaborators, including Paul Simon, Ben Folds, and Anohni, and have inspired an expanding repertoire of original works by prominent composers such as Andrew Norman, Caroline Shaw, and Chris Thile.

Since 2018, Ms. Sirota has been the New York Philharmonic's Marie-Josée Kravis Creative Partner, a position created for her. In this role, she helped develop

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and hosts two concert series: Kravis *Nightcap* and GRoW @ Annenberg *Sound ON*, the latter of which she also curates. In addition, she works with the Philharmonic on contemporary-music initiatives across the organization.

Ms. Sirota is the creator and host of *Living Music with Nadia Sirota*, a new podcast and concert series that demystifies classical music. She also serves as creative associate at The Juilliard School and as artist-in-residence at UCLA's Center for the Art of Performance.

Ms. Sirota won a 2015 Peabody Award, broadcasting's highest honor, for her podcast *Meet the Composer*, which she co-created, co-produced, and hosted. She also received the ASCAP Deems Taylor Award for her work in radio, and Southern Methodist University's Meadows Prize, awarded to pioneering artists and scholars with an emerging international profile. She sits on the board of directors of Chamber Music America, the national service organization for ensemble music professionals. Nadia Sirota received her undergraduate and master's degrees from The Juilliard School, where she studied with Heidi Castleman, Misha Amory, and Hsin-Yun Huang.



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