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2022



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Theatre and Dance

THE GRADUATING CLASS OF 2022

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SHEILA AND HUGHES POTIKER THEATRE

Graduation Ceremony, June 3 at 4:00pm

Acknowledgements | Drew Calandrella | Executive Advisor

Welcome Address | Professor Lora Powell

Introduction of Student Speakers | Professor Lora Powell

Student Speakers | Ruby Hays '22, Meghan Ripchik '22, Erica Kahn '22

Introduction of Keynote | Professor Stephen Buescher

Keynote Speaker | Professor Jennifer Chang

Introduction of Awards | Professor Lora Powell

Jorge Huerta Spirit Award | Professors Jade Power-Sotomayor and Robert Castro

Patricia Rincon Diversity Award | Professor Yolande Snaith

Bronowski Award | Professor Ursula Meyer

Steven Adler Award | Professor Lora Powell

Theatre + Dance Scholarship Awards | Professor Julie Burelle

Video Slideshow

Presentation of Diplomas | Professors Mark Guirguis and Lora Powell

Recognition of Minors | Professors Mark Guirguis and Lora Powell

Recognition of Honors Theses | Professors Mark Guirguis and Lora Powell

Closing Remarks | Professor Lora Powell

THEATRE + DANCE GRADUATES

Valeria Avina
Theatre

Ahmed Baig
Theatre

Patricio Becerril
Theatre

Emma Brady
Theatre

Alana Burgess
Theatre

Natalie Calderon
Theatre

Zane Camacho
Theatre

Sophia Casas
Theatre

Diego Castro
Theatre

Emily Cronan
Theatre

Damien Coates
Theatre and Dance

Melissa Dewey
Theatre

Benjamin Diaz
Theatre

Sophia Donner
Theatre

Charlice Drexler
Theatre

Christina Duncanson
Theatre

Sophia Ehrlich
Theatre

Marcus Escobar
Theatre

Caleb Foley
Theatre

Piper Fullington
Theatre

Weiqi Gao
Theatre

Melina Ginn
Theatre

Ruby Hays
Theatre

Niles Hallie
Theatre

Kris Hidalgo
Theatre

Erica Kahn
Theatre and Dance

Kayleb Kirby
Theatre

Kaci Koelker
Theatre

Gabriela Lebaron
Theatre

Shankar Mahadev
Theatre and Dance

Brianna Maloney
Theatre and Dance

Alexa Maris McGinnis
Theatre

Judy Martinez
Theatre

Ben McLaren
Theatre

Kalia Mitchell-Silbaugh
Theatre

Hannah Milon
Theatre

Ángel Nieves
Theatre

Tyler Nii
Theatre

Andrew Olson
Theatre

Anton Oppermann
Theatre

Joseff Paz
Theatre

Brianna Peacock
Theatre

THEATRE + DANCE GRADUATES

Manuel Puentes
Theatre

Carlos Ramirez
Theatre

Trevor Rinzler
Theatre

Eduardo Rios
Theatre

Meghan Ripchik
Theatre

Ericka Rivas Navarro
Theatre

Juliana Scheduling
Theatre

Lizzeth Serna
Theatre

Ashley Shilts
Theatre

EmmaJo Spencer
Theatre

Abby Stein
Theatre

Jillian Stern
Theatre

Joseph Stommel
Theatre

Sarah Taylor
Theatre

Miguel Trevino Gurrola
Theatre

Frida Villeda Torres
Theatre

Zhuoqing Wan
Theatre

Anne Wang
Theatre and Dance

Shiuan Yi Wang
Theatre

Xinyi Wang
Theatre

Anya West
Theatre

Hongyu Xue
Theatre

Zifeiyang Ye
Theatre

Runjia Zhang
Theatre

Adriana De La Torre
Dance

William Kessinger
Dance

Nathan Kim
Dance

Steven Pulido
Dance

Naomi Rivas
Dance

Boning Yang
Dance

Louis Zapien
Dance

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Ginger and Ken Baldwin

Jorge and Ginger Huerta

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The Department of Theatre + Dance would also like to thank the photographers who have beautifully captured our performances. In today's program, you will see images by:

Manuel Rotenberg, Jim Carmody, Junior Nyong'o MFA '23, and Grayson Heyl MFA '22



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