

The Juilliard School

Juilliard Honorary Degree Recipients & Commencement Speakers 1987-2017

2017	Stephen McKinley Henderson, Speaker Thomas Adès, Doctor of Music Martina Arroyo, Doctor of Music Stephen McKinley Henderson, Doctor of Fine Arts Dick Hyman, Doctor of Music Frayda B. Lindemann, Doctor of Music Carla Maxwell, Doctor of Fine Arts	2009	Laura Leggett Linney, Speaker Dr. Haruhisa Handa, Doctor of Humane Letters Quincy Jones, Doctor of Music Laura Leggett Linney, Doctor of Fine Arts Donald McKayle, Doctor of Fine Arts Steve Reich, Doctor of Music Renata Scotto, Doctor of Music
2016	Christine Baranski, Speaker Leif Ove Andsnes, Doctor of Music Christine Baranski, Doctor of Fine Arts Wayne Shorter, Doctor of Music Cicely Tyson, Doctor of Fine Arts Sylvia B. Waters, Doctor of Fine Arts	2008	Plácido Domingo, Speaker Placido Domingo, Doctor of Music Carmen de Lavallade, Doctor of Fine Arts Hank Jones, Doctor of Music Charles Simonyi, Doctor of Humane Letter Anna Deavere Smith, Doctor of Fine Arts Mitsuko Uchida, Doctor of Music
2015	Nicholas Hytner, Speaker Suzanne Farrell, Doctor of Fine Arts Nicholas Hytner, Doctor of Fine Arts Murray Perahia, Doctor of Music Dianne Reeves, Doctor of Music Peter Sellars, Doctor of Music	2007	Audra McDonald, Speaker Stephen Clapp, Doctor of Music Frederic Franklin, Doctor of Fine Arts Benny Golson, Doctor of Music Dan W. Lufkin, Doctor of Humane Letters Audra McDonald, Doctor of Fine Arts Sam Shepard, Doctor of Fine Arts Stephen Sondheim, Doctor of Music
2014	Joyce DiDonato, Speaker Viola Davis, Doctor of Fine Arts Joyce DiDonato, Doctor of Music Frank Owen Gehry, Doctor of Music Philip Glass, Doctor of Music Bruce and Suzanne F. Kovner, Doctors of Humane Letters Lar Lubovitch, Doctor of Fine Arts Marcus Roberts, Doctor of Music	2006	Wynton Marsalis, Speaker Milton Babbitt, Doctor of Music Pina Bausch, Doctor of Fine Arts Michael Kahn, Doctor of Fine Arts Robert Mann, Doctor of Music Wynton Marsalis, Doctor of Music Elizabeth J. McCormick, Doctor of Humane Letters Martin E. Segal, Doctor of Humane Letters
2013	Laura Leggett Linney, Speaker Alfred Brendel, Doctor of Music Daniel Day-Lewis, Doctor of Fine Arts* Harriet Heyman and Michael Moritz, Humane Ltrs Ohad Naharin, Doctor of Fine Arts Sonny Rollins, Doctor of Music Dawn Upshaw, Doctor of Music	2005	At its 100th Commencement, Juilliard awarded the Juilliard President's Medal, designed by Milton Glaser, to 17 former honorary doctoral recipients. The Honorees were: Joseph Bloch, Elliott Carter, Alfredo Corvino, David Diamond, Mary Rodgers Guettel, Jimmy Heath, June Noble Larkin, James Levine, Bruce H. Marks, Terrence McNally, Itzhak Perlman, Leontyne Price, Dana Reeve on behalf of Christopher Reeve, Marian Seldes, William Vacchiano, and Rosemary Willson. Additionally, President Joseph W. Polisi received an honorary doctoral degree from Juilliard's Board of Trustees.
2012	Athol Fugard, Speaker William Lincoln Christie, Doctor of Music Athol Fugard, Doctor of Fine Arts James Earl Jones, Doctor of Fine Arts Peter Martins, Doctor of Fine Arts Steven Naifeh and Gregory White Smith, Humane Letters		
2011	Nancy Wilson, Doctor of Music John Adams, Speaker John Adams, Doctor of Music Derek Jacobi, Doctor of Fine Arts Herbie Hancock, Doctor of Music Twyla Tharp, Doctor of Fine Arts	2004	James Conlon, Speaker Joseph Bloch, Doctor of Music James Conlon, Doctor of Music Dame Judi Dench, Doctor of Fine Arts William Forsythe, Doctor of Fine Arts Illinois Jacquet, Doctor of Music John Williams, Doctor of Music
2010	Tony Kushner, Speaker Mikhail Baryshnikov, Doctor of Fine Arts Tony Bennett, Doctor of Music Frank Corsaro, Doctor of Music Gloria Kaufman, Doctor of Humane Letters Tony Kushner, Doctor of Fine Arts Henry-Louis de La Grange, Doctor of Music Patti LuPone, Doctor of Fine Arts	2003	Renée Fleming, Speaker Julius Baker, Doctor of Music Alfredo Corvino, Doctor of Fine Arts Renée Fleming, Doctor of Music Ellis Marsalis, Jr., Doctor of Music Marian Seldes, Doctor of Fine Arts William Vacchiano, Doctor of Music

2002 **William H. Cosby, Speaker**
Edward Albee, Doctor of Fine Arts
William H. Cosby, Doctor of Humane Letters
Jimmy Heath, Doctor of Music
Helgi Tomasson, Doctor of Fine Arts
Shirley Verrett, Doctor of Music

2001 **Mary Rodgers Guettel, Speaker**
Leon Fleisher, Doctor of Music
Morgan Freeman, Doctor of Fine Arts
Mary Rodgers Guettel, Doctor of Humane Letters
Mark Morris, Doctor of Fine Arts

2000 **Barbara Hendricks, Speaker**
Jacques d'Amboise, Doctor of Fine Arts
Vartan Gregorian, Doctor of Humane Letters
Barbara Hendricks, Doctor of Music
James Levine, Doctor of Music
Kevin Spacey, Doctor of Fine Arts

1999 **Patrick Stewart, Speaker**
Bill T. Jones, Doctor of Fine Arts
Harvey Lichtenstein, Doctor of Humane Letters
Peter Paine, Doctor of Humane Letters
Patrick Stewart, Doctor of Fine Arts
Beverly Sills, Doctor of Music

1998 **Terrence McNally, Speaker**
Van Cliburn, Doctor of Music
David Diamond, Doctor of Music
Meredith Monk, Doctor of Fine Arts
Terrence McNally, Doctor of Fine Arts
Frederick P. Rose, Doctor of Humane Letters

1997 **Christopher Reeve, Speaker**
Howard Gilman, Doctor of Humane Letters
Jiri Kylián, Doctor of Fine Arts
Kurt Masur, Doctor of Music
Christopher Reeve, Doctor of Fine Arts

1996 **Zoe Caldwell, Speaker**
Zoe Caldwell, Doctor of Fine Arts
Bruce Marks, Doctor of Fine Arts
Gerard Schwarz, Doctor of Music
Rosemary Willson, Doctor of Humane Letters

1995 **Daniel Barenboim, Speaker**
Daniel Barenboim, Doctor of Music
Julie Harris, Doctor of Fine Arts
Pearl Lang, Doctor of Fine Arts
Carlos Moseley, Doctor of Humane Letters
Teresa Stratas, Doctor of Music

1994 **Jane Alexander, Speaker**
Jane Alexander, Doctor of Fine Arts
Garth Fagan, Doctor of Fine Arts
Marilyn Horne, Doctor of Music
June Noble Larkin, Doctor of Humane Letters
André Watts, Doctor of Music

1993 **James DePreist, Speaker**
James DePreist, Doctor of Music
Gary Graffman, Doctor of Music

Muriel Gluck, Doctor of Humane Letters
Bela Lewitzky, Doctor of Fine Arts
Christopher Plummer, Doctor of Fine Arts

1992 **Kevin Kline, Speaker**
Elliott Carter, Doctor of Music
Irene Diamond, Doctor of Humane Letters
Judith Jamison, Doctor of Fine Arts
Michael Langham, Doctor of Fine Arts

1991 **Isaac Stern, Speaker**
Eliot Feld, Doctor of Fine Arts
Jerome L. Greene, Doctor of Humane Letters
Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, Doctor of Humane Letters
Isaac Stern, Doctor of Music
Robin Williams, Doctor of Fine Arts

1990 **Rep. Sidney R. Yates, Speaker**
Kevin Kline, Doctor of Fine Arts
Arthur Mitchell, Doctor of Fine Arts
Jessye Norman, Doctor of Music
Rep. Sidney R. Yates, Doctor of Humane Letters

1989 **Leontyne Price, Speaker**
Agnes de Mille, Doctor of Fine Arts
Avery Fisher, Doctor of Humane Letters
Yo-Yo Ma, Doctor of Music
Zubin Mehta, Doctor of Music
Mike Nichols, Doctor of Fine Arts

1988 **William Schuman, Speaker**
James Earl Jones, Doctor of Fine Arts (Didn't attend, and therefore, didn't receive.)
Leonard Slatkin, Doctor of Music
Paul Taylor, Doctor of Fine Arts
Lawrence A. Wien, Doctor of Humane Letters

1987 **Joseph W. Polisi, Speaker**
Martha Hill, Doctor of Fine Arts
John Houseman, Doctor of Fine Arts
Itzhak Perlman, Doctor of Music
Leontyne Price, Doctor of Music
Mrs. John D. Rockefeller, III, Doctor of Humane Letters
William Schuman, Doctor of Music