



*Honors
Convocation*
2026

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WELCOME

Scott Harrison, Executive Vice President & Provost

Impromptu for Harp.....Reinhold Glière (1875–1956)
Kailani Dunn, harp

PRESENTATION OF DEPARTMENTAL AWARDS

Dean Southern, Vice President for Academic Affairs & Dean of the
Institute
CIM Faculty

Viola Sonata No. 1 in C minor, Op. 18York Bowen (1884–1961)
III. Finale: Presto – Allegro molto
Aubrey Williamson, viola
Jialin Wang, piano

PRESENTATION OF ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Rebecca Shasberger (MM 2017)
Presented by **Paul W. Hogle**, President | CEO

“Depuis le jour” Gustave Charpentier (1860–1956)
from *Louise*
Kiana Lilly, soprano
François Germain, piano

PRESENTATION OF DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

Kathryn Harsha (MM 1999)
Presented by **Paul W. Hogle**

Double Bass Concerto in E-flat Major.....Johann Baptist Vanhal (1739–1813)
I. Allegro moderato
Alexander Carroll, double bass
Ralitsa Georgieva-Smith, piano

PRESENTATION OF ALL-SCHOOL AWARDS

Scott Harrison
Dean Southern

CLOSING REMARKS

Scott Harrison

String Quartet No. 2, Sz. 67Béla Bartók (1881–1945)
II. Allegro molto capriccioso
Petra Quartet
Abigail Macy, violin
Blake Armstrong, violin
Katherine Snelling, viola
Adam Brann, cello

ARIA TEXT AND TRANSLATION

“Depuis le jour” Libretto by Gustave Charpentier
from *Louise*

Depuis le jour où je me suis donnée, toute fleurie semble ma destinée. Je crois rêver sous un ciel de féerie, l'âme encore grisée de ton premier baiser! Quelle belle vie! Mon rêve n'était pas un rêve! Ah! je suis heureuse! L'amour étend sur moi ses ailes! Au jardin de mon coeur chante une joie nouvelle! Tout vibre, tout se réjouit de mon triomphe! Autour de moi tout est sourire, lumière et joie! Et je tremble délicieusement Au souvenir charmant Du premier jour D'amour! Quelle belle vie! Ah! je suis heureuse! trop heureuse... Et je tremble délicieusement Au souvenir charmant Du premier jour D'amour!	From the day I gave myself to you My destiny seemed to bloom. It feels like a dream under a magical sky My soul still intoxicated with your first kiss! What a beautiful life! My dream was not a dream! Ah, I am happy! Love spreads its wings over me! A new happiness is singing in the garden of my heart! Everything quivers Everything rejoices in my triumph! All around me, everything is smiling, light and joy! And I tremble with delight At the charming memory of the first day of love! What a beautiful life! Ah, I am happy, too happy... And I tremble with delight At the charming memory of the first day of love!
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DEPARTMENTAL AWARDS

Cleveland Heights Alumni Chapter of Mu Phi Epsilon Rosa Lobe Award in Accompanying

Recognizing the highest level of artistic achievement in collaborative piano

YIRAN SUN

The William Kurzban Prize in Piano

Recognizing outstanding progress

JAKOB AUMILLER

The Michael and Amelia Ablan Award in Guitar

Recognizing a highly talented guitar student

NATHANIEL HILL

The Rosalia Ablan Memorial Prize in Guitar

Recognizing the greatest instrumental progress during the current academic year

LUCAS CHEN

The Heinrich Scholarship in Organ

Recognizing outstanding achievement by an organ major

CAROLYN HOFF

The Henry Fusner Prize in Organ

Recognizing outstanding achievement in organ

DAVIS BADASZEWSKI

Anna Y. Tringas Award for Violin

Recognizing an exceptional violinist

JEREMY FOSTER

The Dr. Jerome Gross Prize in Violin

Recognizing the greatest instrumental progress during the academic year

FIONA KHUONG-HUU

The Robert Vernon Prize in Viola

Recognizing outstanding leadership and excellence in viola performance

SETH GOODMAN

Rose and Joseph Spielman Memorial Award

Recognizing an exceptional cellist

FIONA TSANG

Alice Chalifoux Prize in Harp

Recognizing artistic excellence during the past school year

KAILANI DUNN

Sidney D. and Nina Josephs Chamber Music Fund

Recognizing deserving Conservatory students enrolled in the Advanced String Quartet Program who perform together as a string quartet during the academic year and demonstrate excellence in performance, as well as outstanding chamber music skills

ANDROMEDA QUARTET: ELLA GOLDEN, TIMOTHY PINKERTON, SETH GOODMAN, & MEGAN KAMYSZ

Irvin Bushman Memorial Prize in Singing

Recognizing outstanding vocal artistry

YI CHING ARIEL WONG

The Max Berman Prize in Voice

Recognizing outstanding performance by a voice major during the academic year

MORGAN POTTS

Susan and Roger Waller Prize in Flute for Community Involvement

Recognizing a flute student who is actively engaged in their community through the service of music

LARA TSIBELMAN

Susan Palm Waller Award in Flute

Recognizing outstanding artistry in flute

JAKE MCQUAID

John Mack Prize in Oboe

Recognizing outstanding artistry

ERIN YUN

George F. Goslee Prize in Bassoon

Recognizing outstanding artistry

ALTON FRENCH

The Bernard Adelstein Prize in Trumpet

Recognizing significant progress during the current academic year

JAMIE WALTON

Dr. Calvin E. Weber Award in Trumpet

Recognizing excellence in trumpet performance

ELIJAH LEONARD

Anthony P. Hopkins Memorial Prize for Trombone

Recognizing an outstanding and deserving trombone student

SHIV LOVE

Bruce D. Collie Prize in Percussion

Recognizing outstanding achievement by a timpani or percussion student during the academic year

RUBEN SHONIK

Drs. Richard and Beth Nelson Award in Music Theory

Recognizing outstanding achievements in music theory

CAROLYN HOFF

The Isada-Stillman-Varma Award

Recognizing excellence in music theory

HARRISON BENFORD

Donald Erb Prize in Composition

Recognizing outstanding achievement

SOOMIN KIM

ALUMNI AWARDS

Alumni Achievement Award

Honoring alumni who have made significant professional contributions in areas of performance, composition, music theory, musicology, teaching, or arts administration

REBECCA SHASBERGER

Distinguished Alumni Award

Honoring alumni who have attained the highest stature in their given field of performance, composition, music theory, musicology, teaching, or arts administration

KATHRYN HARSHA

ALL-SCHOOL AWARDS

Academy Rising Star

Recognizing an Academy student, not in their senior year, who demonstrated significant progress over the past year and the potential to continue developing their musical artistry consistent with the CIM standard

NICHOLAS GARRETT

Outstanding Academy Student

Recognizing a graduating Academy student demonstrating the highest levels of musical achievement consistent with the CIM standard and exceptional potential to succeed in a top collegiate or conservatory music program

TRAVIS PHILLIPS

Outstanding Joint Music Program Student

Recognizing a student in the Joint Music Program who best demonstrated the musical, scholastic, and collaborative ideals of the program

SHREYA GIRISH

Mu Phi Epsilon Sorority Scholarship

Recognizing a student demonstrating the Mu Phi Epsilon mission of advancing music through service and scholarship

ANDREA WANG

The Presser Foundation Award

Recognizing an outstanding student, musically and academically, exemplifying DEI and social justice values, who is in their senior year

ELLA GOLDEN

Dr. Bennett Levine Memorial Award in Chamber Music

Recognizing a student demonstrating outstanding accomplishment, commitment, and leadership in the performance of chamber music, and who, by example, has demonstrated to fellow students the importance of chamber music performance in the development of the complete musician

AUBREY WILLIAMSON

Boris Goldovsky Prize in Opera

Recognizing a student who delivered the most outstanding operatic performance of the school year and who demonstrates the skills required for a compelling career on the operatic stage

DAVIS FISCHER

Hope & Stanley Adelstein Prize for Excellence in Orchestral Performance

Recognizing an outstanding orchestral student who demonstrates the talent and skills required for a compelling orchestral career

JAMIE WALTON

Hope & Stanley Adelstein Prize for Excellence in Composition and Performance

Recognizing a student who demonstrates virtuosity and creativity as both a composer and a performer

WYATT KNUTSON

Darius Milhaud Award

Recognizing an exceptionally creative and versatile CIM student who demonstrates good character, unusual talent, exceptional creativity with a strong love for and dedication to the musical arts, a high degree of musical sensitivity and expressiveness, and exceptional accomplishment in their major musical field

ELORA KARES

Maurice and Judith Kaplow Prize for Uncommon Creativity

Recognizing a student who exhibits exceptional merit and promise for continued and enhanced creative work, looking to expand the boundaries of music as we know it

AMELIA KORBITZ

The Music and Drama Club of Cleveland Award

Recognizing a continuing student demonstrating outstanding musical achievement consistent with the CIM standard

JOYEE WANG

Gladys and Josef Gingold Scholarship

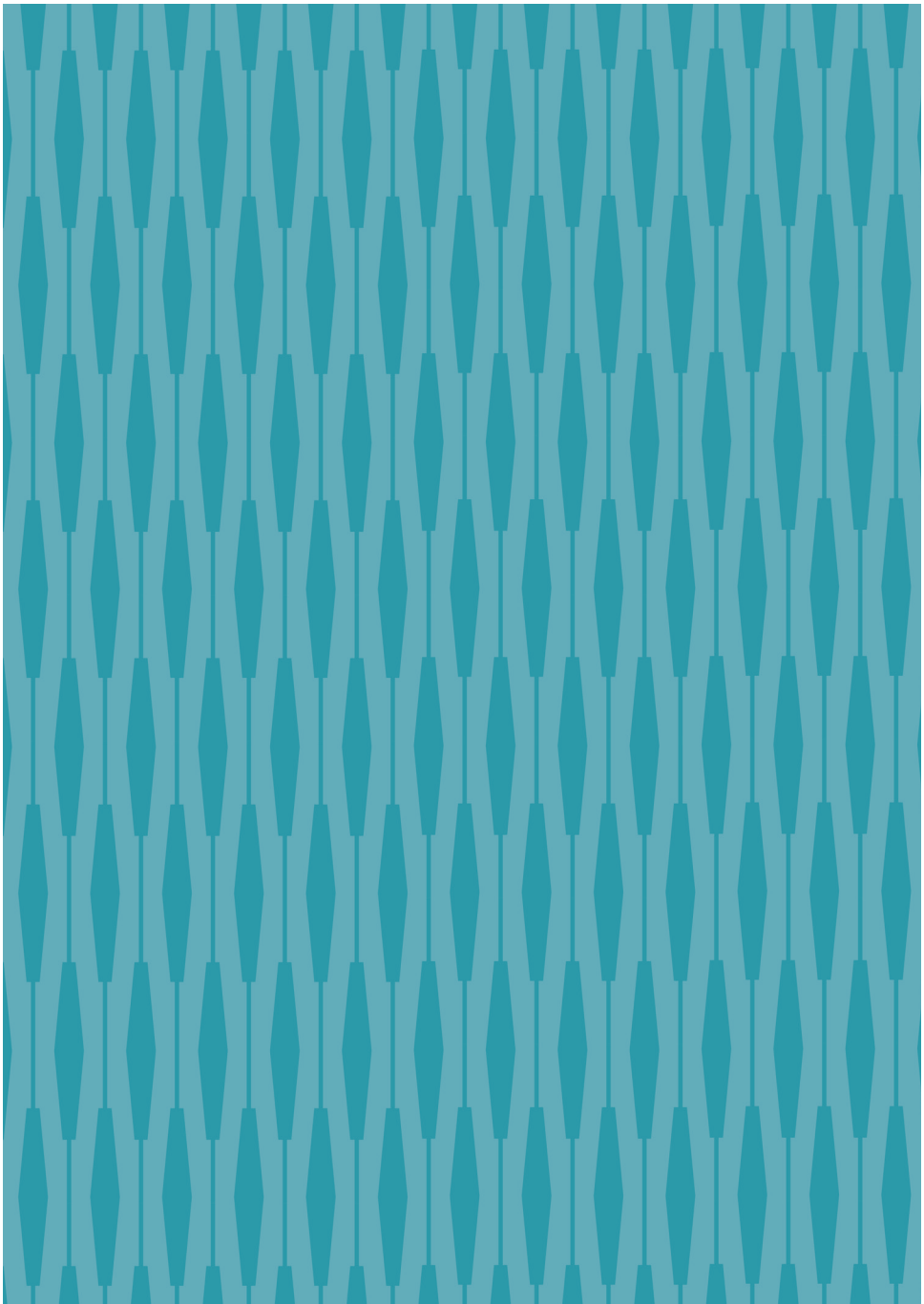
Recognizing an outstanding undergraduate student continuing their musical studies at the graduate level next year, demonstrating the highest levels of musical achievement consistent with the CIM standard

CURTIS LI

The Helen Curtis Webster Award

Recognizing an outstanding graduate student in their final year demonstrating the highest levels of musical achievement consistent with the CIM standard

CAROLINE FRIEND



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