Friday, June 15, 2018

Commencement Program

Processional

National Anthem
Kelsey Leeann Smith

Welcome
Teri Schwartz
Dean, UCLA School of Theater, Film and Television

Class of 2018 Student Remarks
Lauren N. Henning
Department of Theater Undergraduate

Vincent Howard Blake
Department of Film, Television and Digital Media Undergraduate

Commencement Keynote Speaker
Carl Franklin
Director

Presentation of 2018 Distinguished Alumni Award in Theater
Judy Kaye
Actress and Singer

Presentation of 2018 Distinguished Alumni Award in Film, Television and Digital Media
Allison Anders
Writer and Director

Conferral of the Degrees

Class of 2018 Department of Theater
Musical Performance
“Seasons of Love”
Music and Lyrics by Jonathan Larson
Performed by
Claudia Baffo, Shelby Lauren Barry, Calvin John Armstrong Brady, Alana Karidad DeBlase, Kathryn Ellen Emery, Molly Jayne Grant, Grant Matthew Hodges, Ty Braden Koeller, Jacob Harris Levy, Spencer Douglas Martin, Nicholas Thomas McKenna, Charles Richard Platt, Max Amadeus Risch, Brandon Joseph Root, Kelsey Leeann Smith, Shelby Lillian Talley

Alma Mater
Brandon Joseph Root

Final Remarks
Teri Schwartz

Recessional
Dear UCLA Graduate:

Congratulations! As you enjoy today’s ceremony and the celebrations that follow, I hope you will take a few moments to pause and reflect on all you have done to reach this point. All of your late nights. All of the support from your family and friends. All of the times you wrestled with complex problems and discovered unexpected solutions. All of those things brought you here.

No one else can ever claim credit for the degree you’ll receive today — you earned it. Let it be a symbol of your success and incredible potential. I hope you feel proud, fulfilled and inspired by the endless possibilities that lie before you. And I hope that you always associate UCLA with those feelings.

As you face challenges throughout your life, I urge you to reflect back on this moment and let it be a reminder that with enough focus and determination, you can overcome any obstacle and achieve any goal.

I am grateful for all of the ways in which you have enriched UCLA. Our campus is better because you were here.

Following commencement, some of you will begin pursuing a career; others will continue your education or take time to further fuel your passions. Whatever path you choose, know that you are a Bruin for life, and you are always welcome at UCLA.

With very best wishes,

Gene D. Block
Chancellor
Dear Class of 2018,

Heartiest congratulations to each and every one of you on this momentous occasion — the celebration of your academic career at the UCLA School of Theater, Film and Television!

You have accomplished remarkable creative and scholarly work during your time with us at UCLA TFT. As your dean, I am very proud of all of you. I feel honored and privileged to have been witness to your outstanding achievements and great dedication to excellence. On behalf of our UCLA TFT faculty and staff, it is with immense joy that I extend to each of you our very best wishes for having reached this milestone day.

You are the newest members of our amazing UCLA TFT alumni community. We encourage you to stay connected to one another — and to us — as you embark on your exciting professional journey across the entertainment and performing arts landscape. Use your work and successes to make a difference and to help the next generation of alumni who will one day join you in this exciting UCLA TFT network.

As you go out into the world, I know that you will use your singular voices and the power of humanistic story to carry our UCLA TFT ideals forward to not only delight and entertain, but to enlighten, engage and inspire change for a better world. For that, and so much more, you have my unfailing gratitude.

Congratulations, once again, Class of 2018! All of us at UCLA TFT are very proud of each and every one of you.

Warmest good wishes,

Teri Schwartz
Dean, UCLA School of Theater, Film and Television

After graduating from UC Berkeley, Carl Franklin spent many years working as an actor both on stage and in television before returning to school to study filmmaking at the American Film Institute.

Armed with his experience in front of the camera, he successfully transitioned behind it with his first feature, One False Move, in 1992. The film garnered critical acclaim and earned him several awards including Best Director at the Independent Spirit Awards and Best New Filmmaker at the MTV Movie Awards. He also received the New Generation Award from the Los Angeles Film Critics Association.

Franklin quickly diversified his resume with the award-winning HBO miniseries Laurel Avenue and his follow-up film, the moody neo-noir Devil in a Blue Dress, starring Denzel Washington.

Franklin went on to direct One True Thing, starring Renee Zellweger, William Hurt and Meryl Streep, who was Academy Award nominated for her role in the film; and the critically acclaimed Bless Me, Ultima. At the same time, he built a remarkable body of work in television including directing episodes of highly lauded shows such as HBO's The Pacific, The Newsroom and The Leftovers, and Showtime's Homeland.

He received an NAACP Image Award and an Emmy Award nomination in the category of Outstanding Directing for a Drama Series for his work on Netflix's breakthrough hit House of Cards and won another Image Award in the same category for his direction of Netflix's smash hit 13 Reasons Why.

Franklin's numerous other credits include the films High Crimes and Out of Time; and episodes of Showtime's Ray Donovan and The Affair; HBO's Rome and Vinyl; Hulu's Chance; and TNT's Falling Skies, Good Behavior and the upcoming series One Day She'll Darken. He also directed the pilot episodes of Starz' Magic City and ABC's Ten Days in the Valley.

Franklin is set to direct multiple episodes of Netflix's Mindhunter in Summer 2018. He has television projects in development with HBO and Netflix as well as numerous passion projects he plans to produce through his production banner, Monarch Pictures.
Distinguished Alumni Award in Theater

Judy Kaye
Actress and Singer

Two-time Tony Award-winning actress and singer Judy Kaye most recently starred on Broadway and on tour as Madame Morrible in Wicked. She also appeared on Broadway as the Fairy Godmother in Cinderella and the Duchess in Nice Work If You Can Get It, for which she won Tony, Drama Desk and Outer Critics Circle awards in 2012. She won her first Tony in 1988 for her role as Carlotta in the original cast of Andrew Lloyd Webber’s The Phantom of the Opera. Other career highlights include roles in the original productions of Souvenir (Tony Award nomination, LA Stage Alliance Ovation Award), Mamma Mia! (Tony Award and Drama Desk nominations), Ragtime (LA Stage Alliance Ovation Award) and On the Twentieth Century (Theatre World Award, Drama Desk nomination). Kaye has also played Mrs. Lovett in a number of productions of Sweeney Todd, including the Broadway revival, national tour and in London opposite the original Sweeney, Len Cariou. She has worked at many regional theaters in productions of Souvenir, Lost in Yonkers, The Man Who Came to Dinner, You Can't Take It With You, Shirley Valentine, Follies, Annie Get Your Gun and Tales of the City.

Kaye has recorded numerous cast albums, solo recordings and Leonard Bernstein’s Grammy Award-winning Arias and Barcarolles. She has sung at The Santa Fe Opera in La Boheme, The Beggars Opera and Orpheus in the Underworld, with symphony orchestras around the United States and Europe, and has performed twice at the White House.

Kaye was a theater major at the UCLA College of Fine Arts, now the UCLA School of Theater, Film and Television, where she was a two-time winner of the Natalie Wood Award, a winner of the Frank Sinatra Award, and a finalist in the Hugh O’Brian Awards.

Distinguished Alumni Award in Film, Television and Digital Media

Allison Anders
Writer and Director

Allison Anders is an award-winning film and television writer and director. She attended the UCLA College of Fine Arts, now the UCLA School of Theater, Film and Television, and in 1984 had her first professional break working for her film mentor Wim Wenders on his movie Paris, Texas. While at UCLA, Anders won the Alan Jacobson Award for best first film, the President's Undergraduate Fellowship, the Clifton Webb Award and the first prize in the Samuel Goldwyn Writing Award, as well as a Nicholl Fellowship in Screenwriting in the first year the fellowship was given (1986).

After graduation, Anders’ film debut, Border Radio, was released, which she co-wrote and co-directed with Kurt Voss and Dean Lent. The influential indie film examined the Los Angeles punk scene in the 1980s and went on to be nominated by the Independent Feature Project for Best First Feature. It is part of The Criterion Collection.

Anders’ other credits include Gas Food Lodging, Mi Vida Loca (My Crazy Life), Four Rooms, Grace of My Heart and Sugar Town. In 2001, Don Cheadle was nominated for an Emmy Award as Best Supporting Actor for his work in Anders’ film Things Behind the Sun. The powerful movie about the long-term effects of rape went on to garner the SHINE Award as well as the Peabody Award.

Anders is also well known in television for directing episodes of hit shows such as Sex and the City, Gross Pointe, Cold Case, The L Word, Men in Trees, What About Brian?, Southland, The Mentalist, Orange Is the New Black, Gang Related, The Divide, Murder in the First, Proof, AMC’s Turn: Washington’s Spies, and the CW’s much lauded Riverdale.

In 2003, Anders became a Distinguished Professor in the Department of Film and Media Studies at UC Santa Barbara, where she continues to teach.

Anders and her daughter, musician and music supervisor Tiffany Anders, together co-founded the Don’t Knock the Rock Film and Music Festival in Los Angeles. Throughout her career she has been recognized for her achievements in film and nominated for various awards and prizes. Other major highlights include a New York Film Critics Circle Award and the prestigious MacArthur Fellows Program, also known as the “Genius Grant.”

Anders’ film Strutter had its Los Angeles premiere in April 2013. She directed the May 2013 Lifetime TV movie Ring of Fire, about the life of country singer June Carter Cash with singer Jewel in the title role. The film garnered Anders an outstanding directing Emmy Award nomination.
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1990  June Wayne
1991  Bella Lewitzky
1992  Jack Valenti
1993  James Earl Jones
1994  Peter Guber
1995  Quincy Jones
1996  Debbie Allen
1997  Warren Littlefield
1998  John Frankenheimer
1999  Annette Bening
2000  Joe Roth
2001  Eva Marie Saint
2002  Martha Coolidge
2003  Terry Semel
2004  Sherry Lansing
2005  Fay Kanin
2006  George C. Wolfe
2007  Larry Gelbart
2008  Colin Callender
2009  Oliver Stone
2010  Peter Guber
2011  U.S. Senator Barbara Boxer
2012  Ron Meyer
2013  Cathy Schulman
2014  Jane Fonda
2015  Kevin Beggs
2016  Channing Dungey
2017  Ava DuVernay

COMMENCEMENT DEDICATION

2012  Gilbert Cates
2015  Samuel Goldwyn, Jr.

UCLA MEDAL

2009  Haskell Wexler, A.S.C.
2017  Peter Guber

PAST HONOREES

ALUMNI HONOREES

2000  Army Archerd
2001  Louis J. Horvitz
2003  Moctesuma Esparza
2004  Gregory Nava
2005  Geoffrey Gilmore
2007  Gene Reynolds
2008  Fred Roos
2009  Ellen Geer
2010  Felicia D. Henderson
2010  John Rando
2011  Charles Burnett
2011  Mariska Hargitay
2012  Shirley Jo Finney
2012  Penelope Spheeris
2013  Dustin Lance Black
2013  Kristin Hanggi
2014  Darren Star
2014  Wendy C. Goldberg
2015  Donna Deitch
2015  Sarabeth Grossman
2016  Gina Prince-Bythewood
2016  Robert L. Friedman
2017  Justin Lin
2017  Michael Stuhlbarg

CHANCELLOR’S MEDAL

1993  James Earl Jones
1994  Francis Ford Coppola
1995  Quincy Jones
1996  Neil Simon
1998  Edie Wasserman
2002  Kirk Douglas
2005  Sir Anthony Hopkins
2006  Samuel Goldwyn, Jr.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

2017  Nadja Swarovski
RECEPTION FOR THEATER, FILM AND TELEVISION (Coral Tree Walk)

COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY (Royce Hall)

“Hail to the hills of Westwood to the mighty sea below;
Hail to our alma mater, she will conquer every foe.
For we’re loyal to the Southland, her honor we’ll uphold,
We’ll gladly give our hearts to thee, to the Blue and to the Gold.”

— Jeane Emerson '29