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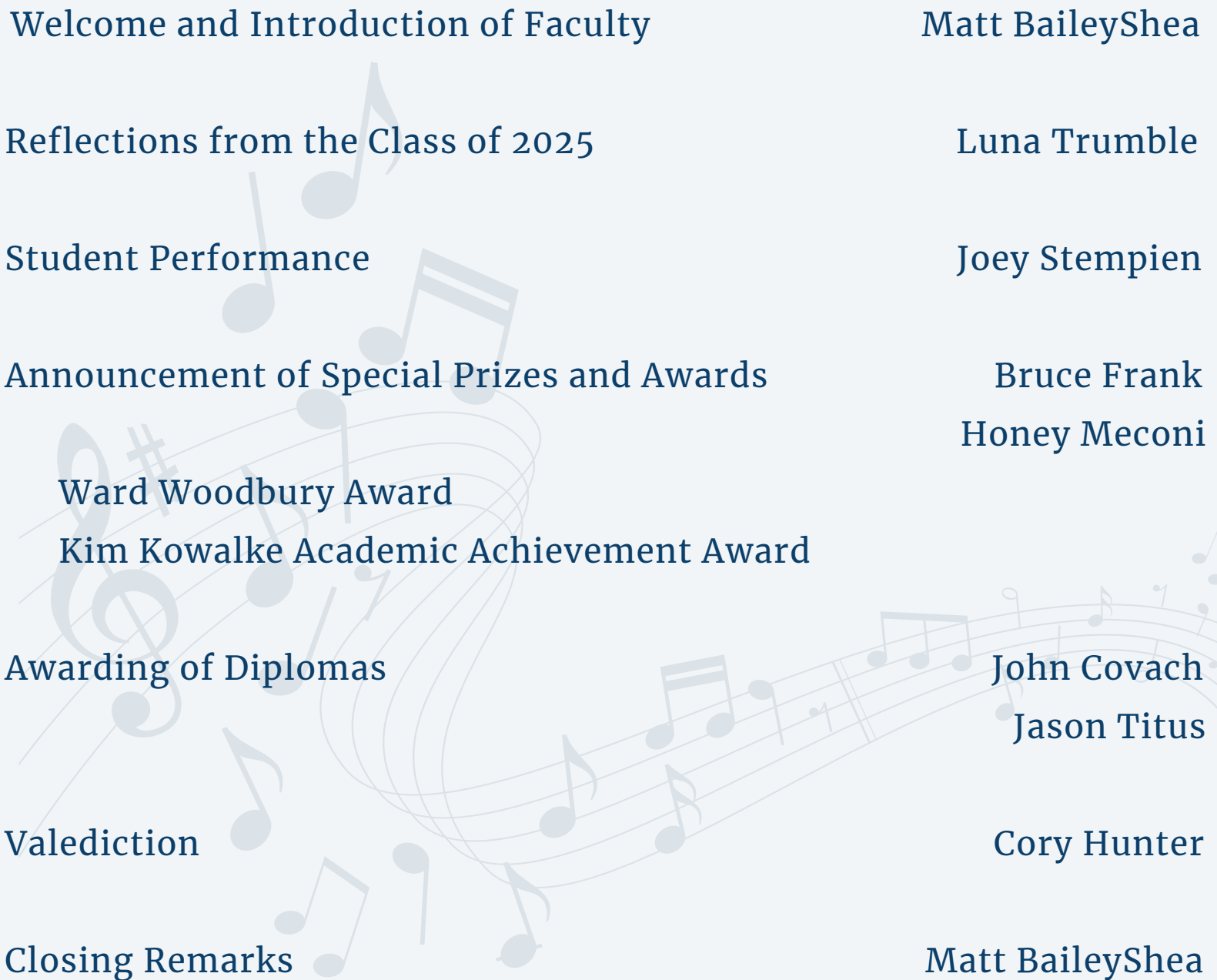
*Graduation
Ceremony*
Class of 2025

May 17, 2025

9:00AM

Sloan Performing Arts Center

Program



Welcome and Introduction of Faculty	Matt BaileyShea
Reflections from the Class of 2025	Luna Trumble
Student Performance	Joey Stempien
Announcement of Special Prizes and Awards	Bruce Frank Honey Meconi
Ward Woodbury Award Kim Kowalke Academic Achievement Award	
Awarding of Diplomas	John Covach Jason Titus
Valediction	Cory Hunter
Closing Remarks	Matt BaileyShea

*Please join us for a reception immediately following
our ceremony on the Wilson Quadrangle.*

MAIA LAVERNE BATES

BA MUSIC BS ECOLOGY & EVOLUTIONARY BIOLOGY



Hometown: Pearland, Texas

Why Music? I've been studying music and music theory since I was pretty little, and the first semester at Rochester I decided to take the first music theory course. I have loved the way both history and theory type classes have been taught here and the professors have been so amazing throughout my four years here.

Future Plans: I plan to pursue research in behavioral ecology.

Favorite Courses: Theory III, Theory IV - Analysis of Song, World Music, Keyboard Skills

Study Abroad: I studied abroad in Ecuador and my favorite memory is swimming with sea lions in the Galápagos Islands.

Involvement on Campus: I was involved in many of the choirs on campus, including chamber singers, treble chorus, and concert choir

Thanks to: I would like to thank my parents for helping me get to where I am today and encouraging me to well rounded education that follows my interests

CHARLOTTE BOWDER

BA MUSIC AME MINOR



Hometown: Portland, Maine

Why Music? I've always loved playing piano, writing songs, and producing music, and I want a career working hands-on in that industry.

Future Plans: I plan to move to Boston or New York to start a career in music technology.

Favorite Courses: World Music In Context, Film Music History, Music Theory 4: 20th Century Music, AME 194.

Involvement on Campus: I've been active in UR Simulation Gaming Association, No Jackets Required, Rochester Producers and Musicians, and UR Audio Engineering Society. I have a lot of great memories, but one of my favorites is performing Welcome Home by Coheed and Cambria with No Jackets Required.

Thanks to: I'd like to thank my family for passing down both their love of music and their academic drive, and the many friends I've met at UR for bringing me new experiences which have made me a better and wiser person.

MAYA AUDREY CHEN-JONES

**BA MUSIC
BS POLITICAL SCIENCE**



Hometown: Belmont, Massachusetts

Why Music?: I love music, and the department here is really excellent.

Future Plans: To improve social rights and accessibility in government.

Favorite Courses: MUSC 130

Study Abroad Memories: I took the Theater in England course, where we went to London and saw 19 plays in 12 days. We saw a lot of the city (and accidentally came across a Banksy!), and the plays were obviously phenomenal. My favorites were This Much I Know, The House of Bernarda Alba, and Pacific Overtures.

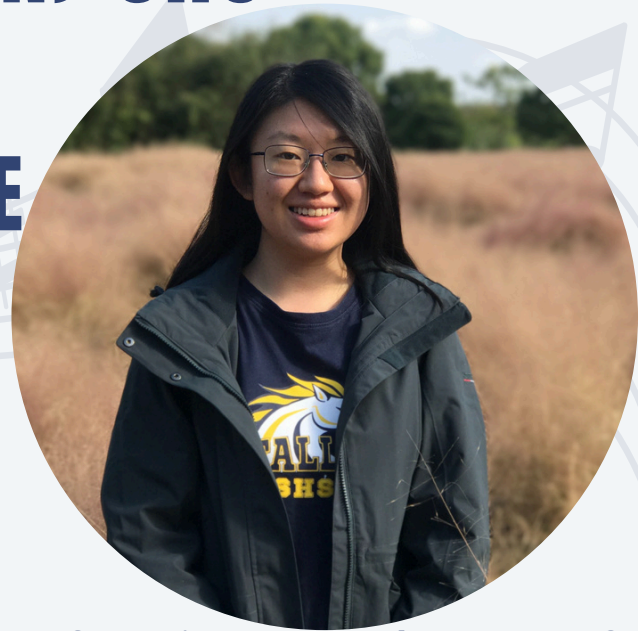
Involvement on Campus: Trebellious A Cappella, Dance department shows, Wind Symphony, ROC Players. My favorite memory is probably a gig my a cappella group did at the Fairport Holiday Market. We sang Christmas songs, went to a diner, and I got a free snow brush!

Thanks to: My mother, Holly Chen, and my music teachers, Ginny Latts, John McLellan, Ashley Addington, and Pamela Wolfe

Advice for future music students: Take the 1 and 2 credit courses as early as possible.

XIAO-HAN (ELVEN) CHU

BA MUSIC BS ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE



Hometown: Taiwan and Shanghai

Why Music?: Initially I just wanted to have a taste of music courses because of Eastman's reputation, but I gradually found out that music is what really energizes me.

Future Plans: Graduate program in music theory, school TBD

Favorite Courses: Theory courses with Prof. BaileyShea and Dr. Frank

Involvement on Campus: I joined the Gospel Choir. Love every concert we put together!

Thanks to: Too many... I'd like to thank every music professor/instructor, particular Prof. Matthew BaileyShea, Dr. Bruce Frank, and Prof. Jacquelyn Sholes for supporting my future academic journey! Also shout out to the amazing TAs from Eastman who I worked closely with: Nick Anderson, Matthew Figel, Kate Ragan, and HaEun Yang. Thank you my 10-year friend Grace Liu, for always listening and sharing. And last but not least, I am forever grateful for my parents, Junjun Ni and Shu-tao Chu, and all other family members, for everything you have done for me.

Well wishes for the Class of 2025: May we always find new wonderful music!

Advice for future music students: Don't hesitate to use the resources around you if you are interested.

MAIA REBECCA ROSS

**BA MUSIC
BA CHEMISTRY
BA PHYSICS & ASTRONOMY**



Hometown: Denver, Colorado

Why Music?: I love how the math in music theory gives me a deeper understanding of composers' choices

Future Plans: Graduate school in aerospace engineering and then medical school

Favorite Courses: Theory III & IV, Music History I & Keyboard Skills II

Study Abroad Memories: Ireland! Walking down Grafton Street and seeing all the shops and history of Dublin.

Involvement on Campus: Ballet Performance Group: working with the elementary students in the Dare to Dance program

Thanks to: My parents for all of their support in my academic journey

Advice for future music students: Don't be afraid to try anything and everything!

KAMI SMITH

**BA MUSIC
BA BRAIN & COGNITIVE SCIENCE
PSYCHOLOGY MINOR**



Hometown: San Diego, California

Why Music?: To improve my playing and knowledge even if I do not pursue it as a career

Future Plans: Take a gap year and then clinical psychology graduate school

Favorite Courses: History through 1600 and film music

LUNA TRUMBLE

BA MUSIC THEATER MINOR



Hometown: Phoenix, New York

Why Music?: I've always been fascinated with how music works! Analysis and understanding of music is one of my favorite skills to exercise.

Future Plans: Apply to grad school to (hopefully) become a music educator.

Favorite Courses: Music Theory IV, Keyboard Skills II, and Musical Theatre Skills

Involvement on Campus: I've been involved in the Wind Symphony and the Jazz Ensemble, as well as Todd Theatre, ROC Players, OBOC, and TOOP. My favorite memories revolve around TOOP's production of "The Curious Savage" I was in. It was truly a wonderful group of people to work with.

Well Wishes to the Class of 2025: Wherever you take this degree in Music, I hope it takes you far, and I hope you always keep music in your heart.

ZHEKAI ZHU

**BA MUSIC
AME MINOR
BUSINESS MINOR**



Hometown: Shanghai, China

Why Music?: Music was my life long passion since I was a kid, and studying music at U of R had enhanced me as a musician and person.

Future Plans: Moving to NYC for grad school in the fall.

Favorite Courses: MUSC 180 - Rock Repertory Ensemble

Involvement on Campus: I founded Silk Road Soundwave, a Chinese band club on campus aimed to provide more performance opportunities for Chinese student bands. So far we have held 3 club concerts.

Thanks to: Professor Covach for supporting me along the way of improving as a student, a drummer and a wholistic musician.

Well Wishes to the Class of 2025: I hope everyone could go out there and keep pursuing their love and passion for music. Don't give up and one day you will be there.

CLASS OF 2025

Maia Laverne Bates *

Charlotte Bowder +

Maya Audrey Chen-Jones *

Xiao-han (Ellen) Chu*

Maia Rebecca Ross *

Kami Smith *

Luna Trumble *

Zhekai Zhu

*Highest Distinction
+ High Distinction
^ Distinction

2024-2025 Faculty

Matt BaileyShea, *Professor of Music and Chair*
Associate Professor of Music Theory, Eastman School of Music

Kerfala Bangoura, *Director, West African Drumming Ensemble*

Jennifer Carpenter, *Coordinator of Chamber Ensembles*

John Covach, *Professor of Music*
Professor of Music Theory, Eastman School of Music
Director, Institute for Popular Music

Julius Dicks, *Director, Gospel Choir*

Bruce Frank, *Senior Lecturer*

Naomi Gregory, *Lecturer*

Cory Hunter, *Assistant Professor of Music*
Assistant Professor of Musicology, Eastman School of Music

Ji Young Kim, *Instructor*

Darien Lamen, *Adjunct Lecturer*

Carson Landry, *University Carillonist*

Colin Mann, *Director, Chamber Singers and Concert Choir*

David McCarthy, *Adjunct Lecturer*

Honey Meconi, *Arthur Satz Professor of Music*
Professor of Musicology, Eastman School of Music

Christopher Meeker, *Instructor*

Bruce Pilato, *Instructor*

Mark Powell, *Lecturer and Director of Orchestral Activities*

Philip Silvey, *Director, Treble Chorus*
Associate Professor of Music Education, Eastman School of Music

William Tiberio, *Director, Wind Symphony, Jazz Ensemble, and Brass Choir*

Jason Titus, *Senior Lecturer*