

The Trustees and Faculty of Bard College  
and the Members of the Class of 2025  
request the honor of your presence at the

ONE HUNDRED

SIXTY-FIFTH

# COMMENCEMENT



Saturday

the twenty-fourth of May

two thousand twenty-five

Bard College

Annandale-on-Hudson, New York

## BARD COLLEGE AWARDS

*to be conferred at the Bard College Awards ceremony*

*Bard Medal*

**Penny Axelrod '63**

*John and Samuel Bard Award in Medicine and Science*

**Jen Gaudioso '95**

*Charles Flint Kellogg Award in Arts and Letters*

**Lisa Kereszi '95**

*John Dewey Award for Distinguished Public Service*

**Angela Edman '03**

*Laszlo Z. Bito Award for Humanitarian Service*

**Bo Bo Nge '04**

**Sasha Skochilenko '17**

*Mary McCarthy Award*

**Joy Harjo**

*Bardian Award*

**Peter Filkins**

**Mark Halsey**

**Peter Laki**

**Bradford Morrow**

**Melanie Nicholson**

## HONORARY DEGREES

*to be conferred at Commencement*

**Michèle Duvivier Pierre-Louis**

*Doctor of Humane Letters*

*Commencement Speaker*

**Jack Arthur Blum '62**

*Doctor of Laws*

*Alumni/ae Honorary Degree*

**Justin Vivian Bond**

*Doctor of Fine Arts*

**Maja Hoffmann**

*Doctor of Humane Letters*

**Josef Joffe**

*Doctor of Humane Letters*

**Cindy Sherman**

*Doctor of Fine Arts*

**Yaron Tomer**

*Doctor of Science*

# COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

**Saturday, May 24**

**Academic Procession, 2:30 p.m.**

**Commencement, 3:00 p.m.**

*James C. Chambers '81, Chair, Board of Trustees, Bard College, presiding  
The Right Reverend Matthew F. Heyd, Honorary Trustee, Bard College, officiating*

## **Invocation**

## **Commencement Address**

## **Conferring of Honorary Degrees**

## **Charge to the Graduates**

## **Conferring of the Doctor of Philosophy, Master of Philosophy, and Master of Arts Degrees in Decorative Arts, Design History, Material Culture**

*Bard Graduate Center: Decorative Arts, Design History, Material Culture*

## **Conferring of the Master of Fine Arts Degrees**

*Milton Avery Graduate School of the Arts*

## **Conferring of the Master of Science Degrees in Environmental Policy,**

**Master of Science Degrees in Climate Science and Policy, and**

**Master of Education Degrees in Environmental Education**

*Bard Center for Environmental Policy*

## **Conferring of the Master of Arts Degrees in Curatorial Studies**

*Center for Curatorial Studies and Art in Contemporary Culture*

## **Conferring of the Master of Arts Degrees in Teaching**

*Master of Arts in Teaching Program*

## **Conferring of the Master of Music Degrees in Vocal Arts and Master of Music Degrees in Conducting**

*Bard College Conservatory of Music*

## **Conferring of the Master of Business Administration Degrees in Sustainability**

*Bard MBA in Sustainability*

## **Conferring of the Master of Science Degrees and Master of Arts Degrees in Economic Theory and Policy**

*Levy Economics Institute of Bard College*

## **Conferring of the Master of Music Degrees in Curatorial, Critical, and Performance Studies**

*The Orchestra Now (TÖN)*

## **Conferring of the Master of Arts Degrees in Global Studies**

*Bard MA in Global Studies*

## **Conferring of the Master of Arts Degrees in Human Rights and the Arts**

*Bard MA in Human Rights and the Arts*

## **Conferring of the Master of Arts Degrees in Chinese Music and Culture**

*US-China Music Institute of the Bard College Conservatory of Music*

## **Conferring of the Master of Music Degrees in Instrumental Studies**

*Bard College Conservatory of Music*

## **Conferring of the Associate in Arts Degrees**

*Bard Prison Initiative and Bard Microcolleges*

## **Conferring of the Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts Degrees**

*American University of Central Asia*

## **Conferring of the Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Music, and Bachelor of Science Degrees**

## **Benediction**

# COMMENCEMENT SCHEDULE

**Some events will be livestreamed.  
Links will be posted the day of each event at [bard.edu/commencement](https://bard.edu/commencement).**

## Thursday, May 22

### **Baccalaureate**

*Sosnoff Theater, Richard B. Fisher Center for the Performing Arts, 4:00 p.m.*

### **Senior Class Awards Ceremony and Dinner**

*Blithewood Tent, 6:00 p.m.*

## Friday, May 23

### **Bard College Awards Ceremony**

*Richard B. Fisher Center for the Performing Arts  
Reception, 5:00 p.m., Sosnoff patio (reservations required)  
Awards Ceremony, 6:30 p.m., Sosnoff Theater*

### **Concert**

*Bard student soloists and composers in concert with The Orchestra Now (TÓN)  
Leon Botstein, conductor  
Sosnoff Theater, Richard B. Fisher Center for the Performing Arts, 9:30 p.m.*

## Saturday, May 24

### **Brunch**

*For graduating seniors, their families, alumni/ae, and guests (reservations recommended)  
Main Dining Room, Kline Commons, 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.*

### **Graduate Programs Brunch**

*For the Class of 2025 graduate programs and their guests (reservations required)  
Blithewood north lawn, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.*

### **Commencement Exercises**

*Academic Procession, 2:30 p.m.  
Commencement Tent, 3:00 p.m.*

### **Commencement Barbecue, Dance, and Fireworks**

*Blithewood north lawn: dinner, 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. (reservations recommended);  
dancing, 8:00 to 11:00 p.m.*

## Sunday, May 25

### **Alumni/ae Memorial Service**

*Chapel of the Holy Innocents, 9:30 a.m.*

*For the schedule of events, visit [bard.edu/commencement](https://bard.edu/commencement)*

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