

## COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Deborah Willis

As an artist, author and curator Deb Willis's art and pioneering research has focused on cultural histories envisioning the black body, women and gender. She is a celebrated photographer, acclaimed historian of photography, MacArthur and Guggenheim Fellow, and university professor and Chair of the Department of Photography & Imaging at the Tisch School of the Arts at New York University. Willis received the NAACP Image Award in 2014 for her co-authored book Envisioning Emancipation: Black Americans and the End of Slavery (with Barbara Krauthamer) and in 2015 for the documentary *Through a Lens Darkly*, inspired by her book Reflections in Black: A History of Black Photographers 1840 to the Present.

## ALUMNI SERVICE AWARD

Richard Watson

Established in 2015, this award is presented annually by the Alumni Council and recognizes alumni who have demonstrated a sustained commitment to their community. Richard J. Watson is an alumnus of the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts Certificate Program ('68). He is a multi-faceted artist who is widely recognized as a representational and collage artist who has to his credit many public and institutional murals throughout the city of Philadelphia. A seasoned songwriter and solo performer on guitar and banjo, he also produces one-of-a-kind, art-to-wear fashions. Watson devotes many hours to encouraging and advising younger artists by conducting workshops in schools and teaching as an adjunct instructor at PAFA.

## DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

Moe Brooker

Established in 2003, this award is presented annually by the Alumni Council to an alum who has demonstrated outstanding artistic achievement. Collectively, the recipients reflect the diversity and talent of the alumni body. Moe Brooker is an alumnus of the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts Certificate Program ('63), and was a professor and critic at PAFA. His compositions are informed by discovery, invention, and the process of "making visible," revealing relationships between color and form, emotion and intellect, and faith in the divine and the human condition. He won several lifetime achievement awards, including the Governor's Award for Artist of the Year from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and the Medal of Achievement from the Philadelphia Art Alliance. Brooker's work can be found in the permanent collections of institutions such as the Studio Museum in Harlem, the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, the Musée des Beaux-arts de l'Ontario, and the Philadelphia Museum of Art. Moe Brooker passed away on January 9, 2022 at the age of 81. Plans for a posthumous retrospective exhibition are underway at the Woodmere Art Museum in Philadelphia.



# UNDERGRADUATE COMMENCEMENT

May 13, 2022

## 2022 Bachelor of Fine Arts Program Graduates

Jesse Castor	Amber Manoski*	Leslie T. Pickel
Marley Edelman	Jordon Michael McHugh	Nicolas Potoskie
Pax Formichella	Hunter McKnight*	Prior Reinhardt ~
Taylor Freeman ~	Emily Kirsten McLaughlin ~	Emily Elizabeth Richey*
Rebecca Sarchet Giles	Varvara Mitrofanova ~	Eva Nicole Samuels
Júlia Machado de Godoy*~	Grace Mox ~	Moth Achilles Thompson
Madeline Nicole Good	Liam Murphy-Torres ~	Jake Weiss
Bambi Heggeman	Ana Grace Neifeld*	
Nylah Sharai Hindsman	Christian Thomas Ashdale Nosal	
Eva Isabelle Kozlowski	Meghan L. Oney*	
Diana Kulpin	Yiannis Nikolaos Pasamihalis	
Aimée Liriano Germosén	Vanessa Michelle Pasqualone	

## 2022 Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree Graduates in coordination with the University of Pennsylvania

Caroline Apsannah Coccia	Jiarui Li*	Yiming Sang
Wenjing Feng**	Kilahra Lott	Virginia Sena
Natasha Kratounis Fishelson	Eleanor Ann Macfarlane	Jiatong Tian*
Maria de Montserrat Grajales	Catherine V. Matthews*	

## 2022 Certificate Program Graduates

Graham P. Cuddy	Luna Olivia Garisto
Gabrielle Dobrzelewski	Clarissa Dawn Kear ~

## Students Completing the Studio Requirements for the Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree in coordination with the University of Pennsylvania

Anastasia Flerova	Zhengxin Ran	Claire Tenhula
Anna Hoppel	Nastassia Sharanhovich	Ruini Yu

\*Graduated in December 2021

\*\*Graduating in August 2022

~ Student Leader

## PENNSYLVANIA ACADEMY OF THE FINE ARTS

### Commencement

May 13, 2022

Academic Processional

Welcoming Remarks

President's Remarks

Commencement Speaker Introduction

Commencement Address

Award Presentation

Alumni Service Award

Distinguished Alumni Award

Special Faculty Recognition

Mayor's Award

Class Speaker, BFA Program

Candidates for the PAFA/Penn Degree  
and Studio Completion

Candidates for the BFA and Certificate

Conclusion

Anne E. McCollum

Chair, Board of Trustees

Reginald M. Browne

Chair, Board of Governors

Eric C. Pryor

President & Chief Executive Officer

Monica Zimmerman

Vice President of Public Education, Engagement,  
and Museum Operations

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Clint Jukkala

Executive Dean of the College of Fine Arts

*Recipient:* Richard Watson

*Recipient:* Moe Brooker

*Presented by:* Lydia Hamilton Brown

Alumni Council President

*Recipient:* Robert Roesch

Professor of Sculpture

*Presented by:* Kelly Lee

Chief Cultural Officer and Director, Office of Arts,  
Culture and the Creative Economy, Philadelphia

*Recipient:* Clarissa Dawn Kear

Aimée Liriano Germosén

Clint Jukkala

Jessica Abel

Chair of Illustration

Michael Gallagher

Associate Chair of Fine Arts

Clint Jukkala