

The Chicago Academy for the Arts

Class of 2021 Graduation Ceremony



May 21, 2021
7:00 p.m.

The Chicago Academy for the Arts
Class of 2021

Sarah Adelman

Miguel Lucero

Ethan Alonzo

Olivia Manno

Briley Boersma

Sarah McCarthy

Mary Campbell

Casey (James) Murphy

Patrick Clesen

Izzie Newman

Rudolph Davis

Brianna North

Karen Duncan

Austin Peyton

Benjamin Eble

Asher Ramaly

Madeline Farinas de Leon

Amachi Smith-Hill

Julia Foley

Nicholas Spallone

Dyani Gandarilla

Madelaine Steffen

Natalee Hapaniewski

Sarah (Sawyer) Stevenson

Joseph Henning-Sepkoski

Sadie Straub

Nicholas Holmes

Dominic Turan

Abbie Jacobson

Mikael Watkins

Hanna Knowles

Isabel Weiss

Jodie Lloyd

Trinity Williams

2021 Graduation Ceremony

Opening Remarks

Faculty Elected Speaker.....Madeline Farinas de Leon
(Visual Arts, 2021)

Student Elected Speaker.....Natalee Hapaniewski
(Theatre, 2021)

Commencement Address.....Ken-Matt Martin

Martin was announced as the third artistic director of Victory Gardens Theatre in Chicago on March 17th, 2021. He is the founder of Pyramid Theatre Company in Des Moines, IA, where he served as Executive Director until 2018. As a child actor, he had a development contract with the Nickelodeon network and appeared on the network's landmark show All That. During the 2015-2016 season, he served as Apprentice General Manager at the Goodman Theatre. Martin is a graduate of Drake University with degrees in Musical Theatre and Journalism. Ken-Matt completed his M.F.A. in Directing at Brown University in 2019.

Scherzo No. 2 in C Minor, op. 14 by Clara Schumann
Bazyli Siwek (Music, 2022)

Dance Department.....Randy Duncan

Media Arts Department.....Jessi Meliza

Music Department.....Rachel Brown

Musical Theatre Department.....Andy Robinson

Theatre Department.....Ben Dicke

Visual Arts Department.....Margy Stover

Conferring of Diplomas

Congratulations Class of 2021!

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