

2025 Season

CELEBRATION OF EXCELLENCE

CALIFORNIA & HAWAII

1:00 PM

Sunday, March 8, 2026

Thayer Hall | The Colburn School

Los Angeles, California

To the 2025 RCM Certificate Program Gold Medalists

Please accept heartfelt congratulations from all of us at The Royal Conservatory.



Your outstanding achievements are a testament to your hard work, dedication, and passion for excellence. Each of you has reached the highest level of accomplishment within your discipline, demonstrating not only technical mastery but also a deep commitment to artistic growth.

We commend the teachers, parents, and mentors who have supported you on this journey, and we celebrate the perseverance and creativity that brought you here today.

Congratulations once again on this remarkable milestone. We look forward to seeing how your musical and artistic journeys continue to inspire others and enrich the cultural fabric of our communities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Janet Lopinski". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dr. Janet Lopinski

Vice President, Academics and Publishing
The Royal Conservatory of Music

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WELCOME

ADDRESS TO MEDALISTS

PERFORMANCES

TEACHER OF DISTINCTION

Recipient: Dr. Jude Weirmeir

PRESENTATION OF GOLD MEDALS

CLOSING REMARKS

*Please ensure your phones are on silent, and respect the privacy of other families.
Only photograph and video record your child.*

CELEBRATION OF EXCELLENCE RECITAL
SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2026
1:00PM

Waltz in A Minor, op. posth., B 150

Frédéric Chopin
Austin Barry – Piano
Teacher: Esther Chan

Tanzlied, op. 52, book 2, no. 2

Karl Joachim Andersen
Terry Lee – Flute
Phillip Matsuura – Collaborative Pianist
Teacher: Caroline Derome

Melodie in F Major, op. 218, no. 36

Christian Louis Heinrich Köhler
Naomi Zhang – Piano
Teacher: Jacklyn Choi

Boat of Tai Lake

Emily Lin
Shreya Vadrevu – Piano
Teacher: Maureen Poernomo

De colores (Colors)

Mexican folk song, arr. Linda Fletcher
Sargam Pathak – Voice
Rebecca Weber – Collaborative Pianist
Teacher: Rebecca Weber

Coutances

Thierry Tisserand
Marcus Cheng – Guitar
Teacher: Jude Weirmeir

Sonatina in G Major op. 36, no. 2: III

Muzio Clementi
Mia Liu – Piano
Teacher: Noreen Wenjen

Adelita (Mazurka)

Francisco Tárrega
Felix Hsu – Guitar
Teacher: Jude Weirmeir

May Sunshine Light Your Way

Sally Albrecht and Jay Althouse
Sebastian Guzman – Voice
Gloria Chu – Collaborative Pianist
Teacher: Gloria Chu

Intermission

Tico Tico

Zequinha Abreu, arr. Alan Gout
Lori Mitchell – Flute
Daniel Seaman – Collaborative Pianist
Teacher: Katie Grab

Air varié on a Theme by Donizetti, op. 89, no. 4

Charles Dancla
Elliana Chong – Violin
Christie Chong – Collaborative Pianist
Teacher: Wendy Waggener

Madrigal

Philippe Gaubert
Selma Catovic – Flute
Zina Catovic – Collaborative Pianist
Teacher: Valerie McElroy

Waltz in A Minor, op. posth., B 150

Frédéric Chopin
Vihaan Bhandarkar – Piano
Teacher: Joomi Lee Nam

Concertino No. 1 in C Major, op. 7: I

Julius Klengel
Mia Shibata – Cello
Kelly Anderson – Collaborative Pianist
Teacher: Andrew Cook

The Spruce, op. 75, no. 5

Jean Sibelius

Kayla Chong – Piano

Teacher: Jane Park

**Prelude and Allegro from *Prelude, Fugue,
and Allegro in E flat Major, BWV 998***

Johann Sebastian Bach

Athena Luo – Guitar

Teacher: Jude Weirmeir

Clair de lune, op. 46, no. 2

Gabriel Fauré

Medha Singhanía – Voice

Nadia Azzi – Collaborative Pianist

Teacher: Teresa Vicario

2025 Gold Medalists California & Hawaii

Brass

Trumpet

Preparatory, Ryan Barrett

Level 4, Desmond Fu

Level 5, Desmond Fu

Guitar

Preparatory, Marcus Cheng

Preparatory, Lawrence Lee

Level 1, Zhenyan Tian

Level 2, Jewell Tyrill

Level 3, Sofie Zuser

Level 4, Felix Hsu

Level 5, Siddha Gummati

Level 6, Colin Cooke

Level 7, Athena Luo

Percussion

Level 1, Santiago Gachuz Garcia

Piano

Preparatory A, Truc Nguyen

Preparatory A, Shreya Vadrevu

Preparatory A, Naomi Zhang

Preparatory B, Jacob Duong

Level 1, Abigail Kim

Level 1, Mia Liu

Level 10, Richard Chen

Level 2, Mia Liu

Level 3, Caiyou Peng

Level 4, Austin Barry

Level 5, Kayla Chong

Level 6, Vihaan Bhandarkar

Level 7, Berkeley Chau

Level 8, Hannah Huang

Level 8, Andrew Tu

Level 9, Xei Sackett

Speech & Drama

Level 1, Jay Deshpande

Level 5, Max Ding

Level 6, Iris Farid

Strings

Cello

Level 2, Ashley Chen

Level 2, Sybil Dudas

Level 4, Logan Cook

Level 6, Mia Shibata

Level 7, Claire Fohrer

Viola

Level 1, Olina Amai

Violin

Preparatory, Sarah Vaskan

Level 3, Chloe Do

Level 5, Elliana Chong

Voice

Preparatory, Sargam Pathak

Level 1, Maximilian Lu

Level 2, Alicia Rose Lim

Level 3, Sebastian Guzman

Level 4, Suhani Sharma

Level 7, Emma Zhou

Winds

Flute

Preparatory, Dmitri Krase

Level 1, Anika Ravi

Level 2, Terry Lee

Level 3, Sunna Kang

Level 4, Lori Mitchell

Level 5, Selma Catovic

Oboe

Level 6, Delal Zilan Sen

2025 Gold Medal Teachers California & Hawaii

Bryan Andrews
Nancy Arnold
Ivy Speech Arts Academy
Sarah Benton
Michael Braun
Mindy Cabral
Esther H Chan
Jacklyn Choi
Gloria Chu
Jean Demart
Caroline Derome
Allison Gessner
Dr. Linda Govel
Katie Grab
Amy Hite
Trina Hodgson
Jaclyn Kim
Nancy Lane
Laynar Lee
Sarah Lee
Joomi Lee-Nam
Ellen Lohneiss
Valerie Mcelroy
Deborah Mcgladdery
Jane Park
Stephen Pierce
Maureen Poernomo
Bradly Pupa
Colorful Universe Singing Troupe
Alexandra Sokolov
Jeanette Tietze
Wendy Waggener
Rebecca Weber
Jude Weirmeir
Noreen Wenjen
Samuel Zavaleta
Angelique Zuluaga

2025 RCM Teacher of Distinction

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Dr. Jude Weirmeir



Dr. Jude Weirmeir is a guitarist, conductor, educator, and composer who earned his Ph.D. in music from the University of California, San Diego. He has taught extensively across diverse musical traditions, including the music of Africa and Asia, popular culture and film, music theory, musicianship, and guitar performance.

For more than two decades, Dr. Weirmeir has maintained an active teaching studio in San Diego and has directed the Villa Musica Classical Guitar Ensemble since its founding. His beginning-guitar method book, *Guitar Play*, serves as the foundation of Villa Musica's guitar curriculum.

In addition, Dr. Weirmeir has been deeply involved with the RCM Certificate Program's guitar exams for the past 13 years, successfully guiding his students through well over 100 examinations.

To see all of our 2025 Teachers of Distinction, visit rcmusic.com/teachersofdistinction.

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