

# 2025 Season

# CELEBRATION OF EXCELLENCE

CALIFORNIA & HAWAII

4:00 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**

**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**  
**4:00PM**

**The Spice of Life**

Tom Gerou  
Caiyou Peng – Piano  
Teacher: Jean Demart

**Langsam, from *Drei leichte Stücke***

Paul Hindemith  
Logan Cook – Cello  
Carolyn Chu – Collaborative Pianist  
Teacher: Trina Hodgson

**The Stormy Sea**

Ann Crosby Gaudet  
Abigail Kim – Piano  
Teacher: Nancy Arnold

**Ejercicio**

José Ferrer  
Jewell Tyrrill – Guitar  
Teacher: Adam Pettit

**Burlesque in G Major**

Anonymous  
Jacob Duong – Piano  
Teacher: Nancy Arnold

**The Rakes o' Mallow**

Traditional Irish folk song, arr. Akiko and Forrest Kinney  
Dmitri A. Krase – Flute  
Ellen Lohneiss – Collaborative Pianist  
Teacher: Ellen Lohneiss

**This Land Is Your Land**

Woody Guthrie  
Maximilian Lu – Voice  
Teacher: Angelique Zuluaga

**Minuet in G Major, BWV Anh. 114**

Christian Petzold, arr. Anthony J. Cirone

Santiago Gachuz Garcia – Percussion

Teacher: Samuel Zavaleta

**Suite for Lute: II**

Ivan Jelinek, transc. Vladimir Mikulka

Sofie Zuser – Guitar

Teacher: Brad Pupa

**Petite pièce concertante**

Guillaume Balay

Desmond Fu – Trumpet

Linda Govel – Collaborative Pianist

Teacher: Mindy Cabral

**Étude in C sharp Minor, op. 25, no. 7**

Frédéric Chopin

Hannah Huang – Piano

Teacher: Linda Govel

**Prelude in G sharp Minor, op. 32, no. 12**

Sergei Rachmaninoff

Andrew Tu – Piano

Teacher: Linda Govel

**Étude in C Minor, op. 25, no. 12 (“Ocean”)**

Frédéric Chopin

Berkeley Chau – Piano

Teacher: Linda Govel

# 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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## California & Hawaii

RCM Teachers of Distinction are recognized leaders in the field of music education. With years of teaching experience, they provide mentorship to other teachers and continue to instill a lifelong love of music in their students. RCM Teachers of Distinction are an inspiration to others and are influential in creating a brighter future for music education.

### 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](https://rcmusic.com/teachersofdistinction).

# THIS IS YOUR MOMENT.



It means you have reached an incredible milestone.  
It means your hard work and dedication have paid off.  
It means you are here – where we recognize your  
extraordinary achievement.

Congratulations from all of us at  
The Royal Conservatory of Music –  
we are so proud to honor you today.

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