Serve the Lord with gladness! Come before His presence with singing.

PSALM 100:2

These words are inscribed above the Princeton University Chapel arch under which all Westminster students pass in the Commencement procession.



Rider University Statement of Community Values

In our endeavor to make Rider University a just community, we commit ourselves, as caring individuals, to the following principles:

- hat our rigorous intellectual life nourishes our minds and spirits;
- that no person travels these halls as a stranger;
- hat integrity of word and deed forms the foundation of all relationships;
- hat we recognize that real leadership is derived from service to others;
- hat we celebrate our differences for they are our strength;
- that we are proud of this special place, entrusted to us by past generations, nurtured by us for future ones;
- that we share not one Truth, but respect our common pursuit for understanding;
- and through the time we spend here, we are forever joined to each other and to Rider University.

Adopted on University Day, April 12, 2001



Rider University wishes to express appreciation to President Shirley Tilghman and Princeton University for the use of the Chapel for this ceremony.

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Program

BRASS: Fanfare from *La Peri*Paul Dukas

(1865–1935)

ORGAN: Prelude and Fugue in B Major, Op. 7 No. 1 Marcel Dupré

(1886–1971)

Alan Morrison, organ

HANDBELLS: La Paix Julie Stitt

(b. 1958)

Westminster Concert Bell Choir Kathleen Ebling Shaw '85, conductor

ORGAN: "Final" from Symphony No. 5, Op. 47

Louis Vierne

(1870-1937)

Keenan Boswell mm'13, organ

BRASS AND ORGAN: Feierlicher Einzug Richard Strauss

(1864–1949)

arr. Daniel Beckwith '77, мм'79

James Jordan, conductor

INTROIT: Rise Up My Love Healey Willan

(1880-1968)

Amanda Quist, conductor

FANFARE: Fanfare for the Common Man

Aaron Copland

(1900-1990)

Joe Miller, conductor

PROCESSION: Processional Warren Martin '36, MM'38

(1916–1982)

Alan Morrison, organ

INVOCATION Father Joseph Jakub

Catholic Campus Ministry of Rider University

HYMN: When in Our Music God is Glorified*

ENGLEBERG
Charles V. Stanford

Joe Miller, conductor (1852–1924)

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WELCOME Mordechai Rozanski

President of the University

ANTHEM: Gloria (1959) Francis Poulenc I. Gloria (1899–1963)

James Jordan, conductor

READING: Listen to the Song in You

Nancye Sims

Donald A. Steven

Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

ANTHEM OF THE GRADUATING CLASSES: As I Walk the Silent Earth

Thomas LaVoy '13

(b. 1990)

Text: Thomas LaVoy and Lewis Carroll

Derrick Goff '11, MM'13, conductor

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS Paul Plishka

HYMN: As Newborn Stars Were Stirred to Song*

ALEXANDRA

John Karl Hirten (b. 1956)

Amanda Quist, conductor

CHARGE TO THE DEGREE CANDIDATES James Jordan

Professor of Conducting

ANTHEM: Anthem of Dedication Martin

Joe Miller, conductor

PRESENTATION OF DEGREE CANDIDATES Robert L. Annis

Dean and Director of the College Marshall Onofrio

Associate Dean

CONFERRING OF DEGREES IN COURSE

Master of Music Bachelor
Master of Music Education
Master of Voice Pedagogy

Bachelor of Music/Master of Arts in Teaching Bachelor of Music Bachelor of Arts in Music PRESENTATION OF DISTINGUISHED HONOR

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Paul Plishka

anthem: *Elijah*

Felix Mendelssohn

And Then Shall Your Light Shine

(1809–1847)

Joe Miller, conductor

HYMN: O Spirit All-Embracing*

THAXTED
Gustav Holst
(1874–1943)
arr. Richard Proulx
(1937–2010)

James Jordan, conductor

CLOSING WORDS

Nancy Taylor Ginsburg '75 Secretary, Westminster Choir College Alumni Council

BENEDICTION: The Lord Bless You and Keep You

Peter Christian Lutkin

(1858-1931)

Amanda Quist, conductor

RETIRING PROCESSION: Pictures at an Exhibition

The Great Gate of Kiev

Modest Moussorgsky (1839–1881)

adapted from Ravel's orchestration for brass, organ and

percussion by Douglas Haislip

Amanda Quist, conductor

ORGAN POSTLUDE: Tu es Petra

Henri Mulet (1878–1967)

Alan Morrison, organ



Participants in the Ceremony

Solid Brass Ensemble

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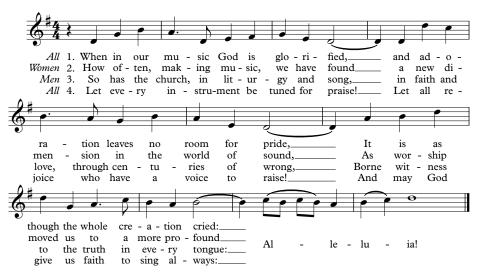
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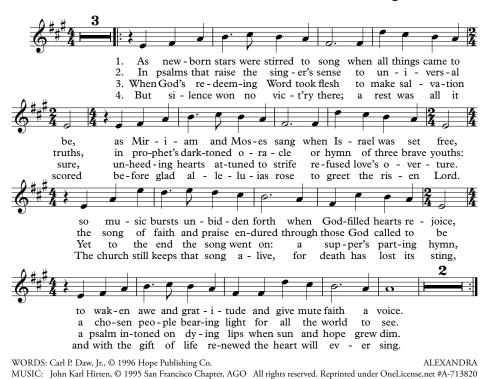


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As Newborn Stars Were Stirred to Song



O Spirit All-Embracing



MUSIC: Gustav Holst (1874-1934), arr. Richard Proulx (1988)

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Commencement Address

PAUL PLISHKA

Paul Plishka's extraordinary voice and impeccable artistry combine to make him one of the world's foremost singers, praised by critics for his smooth, beautifully produced bass and polished dramatic skills. A distinguished American artist, he has become one of the most widely acclaimed and sought-after singers of our time.

After making his formal debut with the Metropolitan Opera in 1967 as the Monk in *La Gioconda*, he became one of the company's leading basses. He has appeared in leading roles with opera companies throughout the United States and Europe including San Francisco, Chicago, Philadelphia, Houston, Pittsburgh, Dallas, San Diego, Toronto, Montreal and Vancouver. In Europe, he has performed in Geneva, Munich, La Scala, Hamburg, Barcelona, Vienna, Berlin, Zurich, Paris, Lyon, Marseilles and Covent Garden in London. Mr. Plishka retired from the Metropolitan Opera in 2012 after 46 years and 1,642 performances, placing him at number ten on their official list of most-frequent performers, which dates back to the company's inception in 1883.

Paul Plishka has an extensive discography on Angel, ABC, Columbia, Erato, London, RCA and Vox Records. His recording of the Verdi Requiem with the Atlanta Symphony and Robert Shaw won a Grammy award for the best classical album of 1988. He has also recorded *Luisa Miller* and the *Marriage of Figaro*, both with James Levine and the Metropolitan Opera Orchestra for Sony Classical, and Beethoven's Symphony No. 9 with the London Philharmonic and Andre Previn, for London/Decca.

He is a National Patron of Delta Omicron, the international professional music fraternity. Mr. Plishka's artistry has earned him a number of awards and recognition including the Pennsylvania Governor's Award for Excellence in the Arts and induction into the Hall of Fame for Great American Opera Singers.

The Westminster Symphonic Choir has recorded and performed with Paul Plishka several times, including Beethoven's Symphony No. 9, which they performed with the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra at the gala opening of the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark, which was broadcast on PBS' *Great Performances*.

Charge to the Degree Candidates

JAMES JORDAN

Professor of Conducting

Professor James Jordan is recognized and praised around the musical world as one of the nation's pre-eminent conductors, writers and innovators in choral music. The most published performer/author in the world, he has written more than 30 books on all aspects of the choral art. He has been described as a "visionary" by *The Choral Journal*. His conducting text *Evoking Sound* was named as a "must read" by *The Choral Journal*. At Westminster Choir College, he conducts Westminster Schola Cantorum and the Westminster Williamson Voices.

He has made two recordings of the music of James Whitbourn with the Westminster Williamson Voices on the Naxos label. *Gramophone* hailed him as a conductor of "forceful and intimate choral artistry" and regarding the recording of *Annelies*, *Choir and Organ* wrote, "Jordan's instinctive understanding of the score makes this a profound and emotionally charged experience." Reviewers on both sides of the Atlantic have praised the Westminster Williamson Voices as "without peer" (*American Record Guide*), noting that the ensemble "performed with utmost truth and precision," and with "supreme artistry" (*The Choral Journal*), and "sing with a precision and finesse normally found in the best of the UK's large chamber choirs." (*Gramophone*)

Dr. Jordan's career and publications have been devoted to innovative educational changes in the choral art. His writings have shaped far-reaching changes in conducting pedagogy and the teaching of rhythm applying Laban Effort/Shape to music teaching at all levels. In 2012, he received the *Iorio Research Prize* from Rider University.

His residencies, master classes and guest conducting have taken him throughout the United States, Canada, Europe and Australia. He has conducted more than 30 All-State Choirs. In 2009, he was named to the choral panel for The National Endowment for the Arts. Dr. Jordan also serves as artistic director of the Westminster Conducting Institute, one of the nation's leading summer programs for the training and education of conductors and this summer inaugurates, with co-director with James Whitbourn, The Westminster Choral Music Institute at Oxford, a unique partnership with St. Stephen's House, one of the Halls at Oxford University.



Degree Candidates

The following is a list of candidates for degrees. Indication of graduation honors is based upon the cumulative grade point average after the conclusion of the fall semester. The official roster of degree recipients and the final calculation of graduation honors are recorded in the Office of the Registrar of the University.

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Thank you to all who have supported this campaign and helped make it a success!



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With distinction

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Hannah Leigh Murphy

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