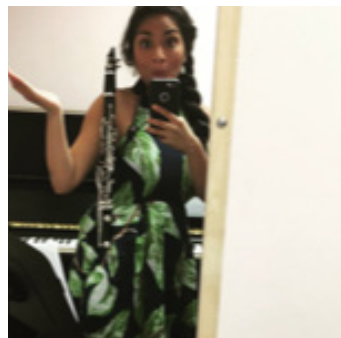
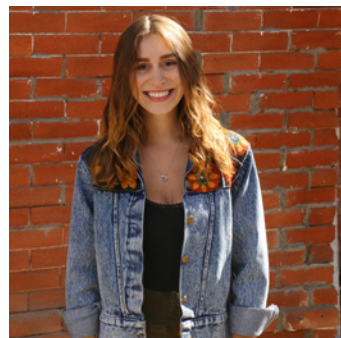


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Congratulations to the Class of 2020!

Congratulations to the Class of 2020! I know you and your families have been anticipating this moment for many years.

Although we're unable to gather in person to celebrate your accomplishments, please know that the College of Music stands behind you during this extraordinary time.

I encourage you to remain connected with your professors, friends and classmates. Trust your education, embrace the relationships you've made and reflect on how the experiences you've had during your time here on campus—including this final semester—will serve you well into the future.

Best wishes, Music Buffs!

—Robert Shay, Dean

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Dominic Aragon
Jocelyn Armes
Samuel Bachelder
Jackson Bailey
Sabina Balsamo
Charles Barnard
Maggie Katherine Barnes
Lucia Berenice Carrera Troya
Emilie Bertram
Patrick Bessenbacher
Kimberly Bill
Joseph Blunk
John Boggs
Andi Marie Bonato
Brittany Bonner
Annie Booth
Elizabeth Anne Bowersox
Elizabeth Carter
James Cherewatenko
Tana Cochran
Gretchen Devereux
Rhiannon Dewey
Jesus Diaz, Jr.
Anoushka Divekar
Caelin Eager
Benjamin Ehrmantraut
Jacob Eichhorn
Erik Erlandson
Michael Facey
Rebecca Fix
John Wayne Gaffney
Alice Louise Gehr
Charles Goodman

Steven Groth
Michael Gutierrez
Erich Haller
Rebecca Hamel
Aaron Harp
Jacob Henneford
Adam Hernandez
Lindey Hoak
Mackenzie Hoffman
Megan Hurley
Marisa Ishikawa
Ryan Jacobsen
Anthony Kading
Nathália Kato Giordano
Hannah Kennedy
Paul Kim
Casey Klopp
Jenna Milena Kramer
Jessica Rose Kressin
Kiel Lauer
Jessica Lee
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Thomas Maeda
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Scott McGowan
Daniel McIntyre
Samuel Milam
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Kristina Nelson
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Barbara Noyes
Erik Ondrejko
Lina Osmundson
Ava Pacheco
Brandon Tyler Padgett
Connor Page
Raya Panova
Anastasiia Pavlenko
Tristan Peterson
Elza Picasso-Hobin
Frankie Pineda
Michael Pizzini
G. Andrew Quinlan, III
Levi Rajnowski
Gabriel John Ramos
Craig Robertson
Kenneth Ross, II
Nate Rothenberg
Karla Salinas
Zachary Sander
Helena Schumann
Matthew Schwarz
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Ben Shafer
Melanie Shaffer
Tanner Shioshita
Harumi Shiraishi
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Caitlin Stokes
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Emily Taylor
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#Music Buffs

One of my favorite memories from my time at CU's College of Music was participating in a concert that the Roser Piano and Keyboard department put on for CU Bernstein at 100. For this, piano students and professors put on a concert of all of Leonard Bernstein's *Anniversaries*. Bernstein's daughter, Jamie Bernstein, attended which made it extra special. My favorite part of this was that the piano department worked together to put on a beautiful concert—

I truly felt a sense of community and support.

I am so thankful to my professors and peers for the community that the piano department and the College of Music gave me during and after my time at CU.

— Andi Bonato (she/her/hers)

Thank you, CU, for teaching me about friendship, music and life. I've received opportunities that a lifetime couldn't provide, and yet, here we are.

Grateful ♥

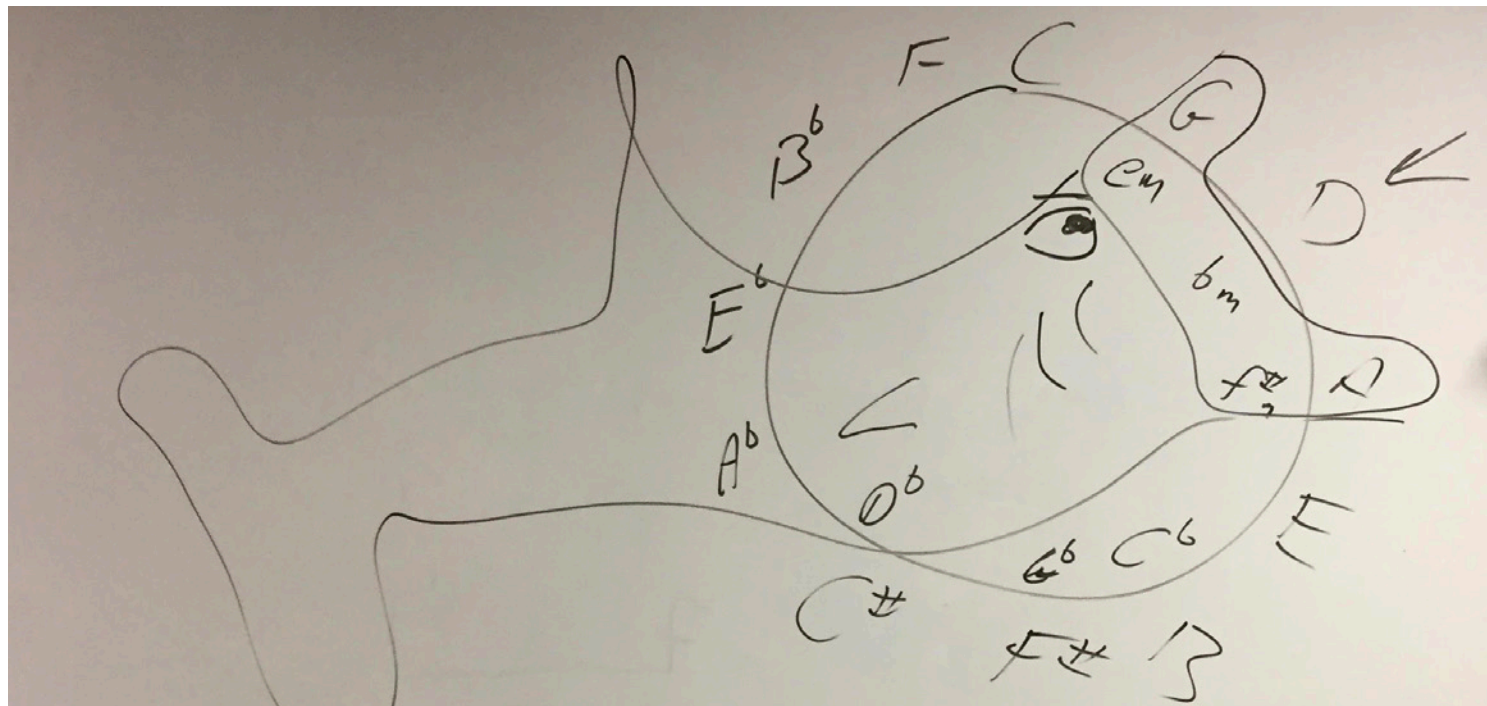
— Anoushka Divekar (she/her/hers)

Professor Ishikawa was on sabbatical in Fall 2019 and the bassoon studio got the opportunity to work with guest artists from around the country.

— Kristina Nelson



Photos (clockwise) provided by Anastasiia Pavlenko and Helena Schumann.



"The Circle of Fifths Shark," 2017, and CU Philharmonia Orchestra. Photos provided by Helena Schumann.

Thank you to my friends, family and educators at CU Boulder for pushing me to fly high and pursue my dreams.

— Lina Osmundson (she/her/hers)

As I was leaving my native country, Ukraine, to get the education I had always dreamt of, I was searching for a place where I could receive the best guidance to polish my craft, make authentic and lifelong friendships and move toward becoming the best version of myself.

Five years later, I can say with no doubt that coming to the University of Colorado Boulder was the absolute best decision I've ever made.

And even though our class doesn't get to graduate in-person, with confidence and faith, united we move forward into the future. Congratulations, historic Class of 2020! We did it!

— Anastasiia Pavlenko

Going to studio class and hearing everyone play and progress each and every week has constantly been a highlight of college.

— Tanner Shioshita

Dear Class of 2020:

Back when you made the decision to attend CU Boulder in the spring of 2016 (or earlier), nobody could have envisioned what would transpire this spring.

Take the time to reflect on all of the wonderful moments you experienced during your time on campus, and then begin to envision the many amazing things you will accomplish in the years ahead.

Courage, Music Buffs!

— James Austin

Dear Class of 2020,

Some of my greatest pleasures in life have been to sing with you, study with you and learn from you. How I have missed our time together!

Know that your hearts and your talents will take you far in life.

Keep hope alive and stay safe and well.

— Sue Baer (she/her/hers)

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Symphonic Band (Symphonic Band and Wind Symphony concert: Feb. 6, 2020). Photo by Patrick Wine.



Clarinet Studio, Fall 2019. Photo provided by Tanner Shiohita.

Dear Class of 2020—we are all so proud of your accomplishments, and how you have persevered through unprecedented circumstances to reach this milestone.

You are an inspiration to all of us,
and we wish you the very best on the next steps in your journey,
and look forward to following your progress in music and life!

— Gil Berman

Congratulations to the Class of 2020! Many of you have performed on the Macky stage honing your skills and finessing your musicianship. It has been a privilege and an inspiration seeing young musicians develop in ways only dreamed a few years ago. But you have also experienced—some of you may have newly discovered—something equally vital through music making,

*and that is a sense of community, camaraderie
and of being part of something larger than
ourselves.*

Do not forget this as you continue forward: the bond, contacts and network you developed will be forever with you. Use these gifts wisely.

— Rudy Betancourt, Macky Director

Congratulations! You have successfully navigated one of the more intriguing final semesters in history. It may be hard to believe right now, but the events surrounding the Spring term may very well provide you with a broader understanding and deeper appreciation of what it means to be a musician, teacher and scholar.

The world needs you and your special wisdom and capabilities now more than ever.

I look forward to seeing how each of you contributes in a world of changing realities. Be well, be creative and make us proud!

— James Brody

We've enjoyed having you at the College of Music these years, especially the concerts, operas, Holiday Festival performances and more. As you leave for your musical journey outside of CU, don't forget us. Come back and celebrate our new home.

We are so proud of what you've accomplished with your degrees.

We know you'll carry CU's musical legacy with you where ere you may roam. Congratulations on this milestone! You made it!

— Marty Coffin Evans



Early Music Ensemble, Nov. 30, 2018; University Symphony Orchestra, Sept. 28, 2017.



Bassoon Studio with principal bassoon of the Metropolitan Opera, William Short.
Photo provided by Kristina Nelson.

A hearty congratulations to you all and best wishes for continued success, growth and happiness!

— Ryan Gardner

Congratulations on your well-deserved success! Despite the disruption of normal activities this semester caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, you have successfully navigated an historic and unique situation by demonstrating resiliency and perseverance.

Indeed, there's a lot we can all learn from how you responded to this extraordinary challenge.

Please continue to learn, explore, grow and push yourself to be your best.

— Alex George

Class of 2020!! Sending you all congratulations, admiration and much love on all you have accomplished.

My hope is that as you look back on your CU experience, you recall the tremendous community, music, and learning in beautiful Boulder.

And that the conclusion of these last few months gives you more passion for your art and life as you taste the future you desire.

— Christina Jennings

I will sincerely miss all of our graduating students. I believe you are responsible for gaining more recognition for the talent connected to the College of Music around the country making CU one of the top destinations for musical studies. Knowing there may be changes in the arts community causes a lot of stress. Knowing that our Buff Grads will be leaders shaping this future gives me comfort. The way you conduct yourselves in the community, come together during times of stress, say hello to me in the hallway and genuinely care about each other will be missed.

You are a special group of humans.

Please keep me updated on your many wonderful accomplishments on the horizon!

— Chris Martin

Congratulations class of 2020! You all worked so hard to make it through your degrees and I'm proud of your remarkable resilience through the online work in your final semesters. Although your collaborations were cut short,

I treasure all the opportunities I had to work with so many of you.

Good luck pursuing your future career paths and keep in touch!

— Margaret McDonald



Photos, from top: University Choir and University Singers, Fall 2017; Sweeney Todd, Eklund Opera, March 2018.
Photos by Glenn Asakawa.



When you decided to attend music college and selected CU you may have had definite plans for your future. Hopefully those goals have been reached and enhanced by your experiences at CU, in Boulder, and with your teachers and colleagues. Congratulations!

Whatever path you now follow will certainly have been enriched by your dedication to music.

Remain close to your school and your friends, and know that your years at the College of Music have prepared you for everything that life has to offer.

— Susan Olenwine

Anastasiia
Pavlenko

Congratulations to the class of 2020! It's amazing to think back to meeting so many of you when you first visited campus, whether it was for your audition or even before. There's so much you've accomplished since then, and even while the world is turned upside down right now, you're leaving your CU Boulder experience prepared to contribute your musicianship to helping the world heal.

Whether that means performing, teaching, or the many other ways you've studied and made yourself ready, you have a lot to offer.

Best wishes to all of you on your future!

— David A. Rickels



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Congratulations, Graduates! You are inspiring.

Keep the music coming ...

— Becky Roser

Congratulations to the class of 2020! What a deep joy it has been learning, growing and taking musical risks with so many of you.

Thank you for your profound CU impact.

You have left your mark in Boulder and will continue doing so on future stages, with ensembles, in classrooms and within imaginations. Please do not leave behind your questions in the classrooms, the studios, the rehearsal rooms and the tile lounge. Find new questions. Good questions. Deep questions. Challenging questions. Human questions. Find YOUR questions. Develop and further the ways music mingles with community and community thirsts for music. Then, don't keep it a secret. Bravissimo Tutti!

— Joel Schut



The Marriage of Figaro, Eklund Opera, March 2020. Photo provided by Helena Schumann.

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Music Buffs!

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