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SCHOOL *of* MUSIC

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About the USC Thornton School of Music

For more than 125 years, the USC Thornton School of Music has prepared students to excel as performers, composers, industry leaders, and educators on stages and in studios around the world. Founded in 1884 and today the oldest continually operating cultural institution in Los Angeles, USC Thornton is internationally recognized as one of the finest conservatories and music schools in the U.S.

By blending the rigors of a traditional conservatory-style education with the benefits of a leading research university, USC Thornton offers a curriculum designed to prepare students for successful careers in the 21st century.

USC Thornton brings together a stellar faculty chosen from a broad spectrum of the music profession and gifted students representing 40 countries. The school features legendary musicians and educators on its faculty, including internationally renowned performers, musicologists, and winners of prestigious awards.

Located in the heart of Los Angeles, USC Thornton offers students every advantage of studying, performing and networking in the world's most vibrant music industry center. Every week, students engage with leading professionals in all aspects of the music, recording and entertainment industries while collaborating with such pillar organizations as the Los Angeles Philharmonic, LA Opera, Los Angeles Master Chorale, Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra, Grammy Foundation and The Recording Academy. Thornton students are also a constant presence in local classrooms, helping to shape the next generation of musicians.



CELEBRATED ALUMNI

Ambrose Akinmusire	.....jazz trumpet
Piotr Anderszewski	.....pianist
Miguel Atwood-Ferguson	.....producer/arranger/studio musician
Alan Baer	.....principal tuba, New York Philharmonic
Peter Boyer	.....composer and orchestrator
Calder Quartet	
Benjamin Jacobson (<i>violin</i>), Andrew Bulbrook (<i>violin</i>), Jonathan Moerschel (<i>viola</i>), Eric Byers (<i>cello</i>)	
Lucinda Carver *	.....pianist, USC Thornton Vice Dean
Billy Childs	.....composer/jazz pianist
Rozzi Crane	.....pop vocalist
Gerald Clayton	.....jazz pianist
Daedelus (Alfred Darlington)	.....electronic DJ/producer
Grant Gershon	.....conductor, Los Angeles Master Chorale
Rod Gilfry *	.....baritone
Jerry Goldsmith	.....film composer
Donald Green	.....principal trumpet, Los Angeles Philharmonic
Ben Hong *	.....assistant principal cello, Los Angeles Philharmonic
Sara Gazarek *	.....jazz vocalist
Ludwig Göransson	.....film and television composer, producer
Los Angeles Guitar Quartet	
John Dearman, Matthew Greif, William Kanengiser *, Scott Tennant *	.....guitar
Lionel Hampton	.....jazz musician
Marilyn Horne	.....mezzo-soprano
James Horner	.....film and television composer
Tommy Johnson *	.....tuba
Vimbayi Kaziboni	.....conductor, Ensemble InterContemporain
Michelle Kim	.....assistant concertmaster, New York Philharmonic
Morten Lauridsen *	.....composer, Medal of the Arts recipient
Owen Lee	.....principal bass, Cincinnati Symphony
Ryan Lerman	.....guitarist
Charles Lloyd	.....jazz musician
Petar Mandich	.....talent manager
Michael Ke Ma	.....assistant principal bassoon, Detroit Symphony
Martha Masters	.....classical guitarist
Bear McCreary	.....film and television composer
Angela Meade	.....soprano
Erica Miller	.....soprano
James Newton Howard	.....film composer
Andrew Norman *	.....composer
Christopher Parkening	.....classical guitarist
Gretchen Parlato	.....jazz vocalist
Dwight Parry	.....principal oboe, Cincinnati Symphony
Norm Pearson	.....principal tuba, Los Angeles Philharmonic
Cynthia Phelps	.....principal viola, New York Philharmonic
Gene Pokorny	.....principal tuba, Chicago Symphony
Vicki Ray	.....piano chair, CalArts
Lee Ritenour	.....jazz guitarist/studio musician
Jessica Rivera	.....soprano
Daniel Rothmuller	.....associate principal cello, Los Angeles Philharmonic
Elizabeth Rowe	.....principal flute, Boston Symphony
Patrice Rushen *	.....pop vocalist/pianist, musical director
Royce Saltzman	.....choral conductor



(CELEBRATED ALUMNI CONTINUED)

Gail Samuel	<i>executive director, Los Angeles Philharmonic Association</i>
Tom Scott	<i>jazz saxophonist</i>
Nadia Shpachenko-Gottesman	<i>pianist</i>
Dale Hikawa Silverman	<i>associate principal viola, Los Angeles Philharmonic</i>
Cheryl Staples	<i>associate concertmaster, New York Philharmonic</i>
Michael Tilson Thomas	<i>conductor, San Francisco Symphony</i>
Sunny Yang	<i>cellist, Kronos Quartet</i>
Cody Westheimer	<i>film composer</i>
Austin Wintory	<i>composer</i>
Lorna Zemke	<i>music educator</i>
Michele Zukovsky *	<i>former principal clarinet, Los Angeles Philharmonic</i>

* denotes USC Thornton faculty

TOP: Michael Tilson Thomas
 SECOND ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: Marilyn Horne, Andrew Norman, Sunny Yang of Kronos Quartet
 THIRD ROW: Gerald Clayton, Billy Childs
 FOURTH ROW: Calder Quartet, Bear McCreary, Los Angeles Guitar Quartet

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