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THE ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SIXTH YEAR

BACCALAUREATE SERVICE

CLASS OF 2023



FRIDAY, APRIL 28

TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY-THREE

7:00 P.M.

COWAN HALL

BACCALAUREATE SERVICE PROGRAM

A Service of Spiritual Perspective and Celebration

Theme: *"When I dare to be powerful — to use my strength in the service of my vision,
then it becomes less and less important whether I am afraid."* -Audre Lorde

Prelude Jeremy Alfera, Piano

Welcome and Invocation Rev. Dr. Judy Guion-Utsler
University Chaplain

Perspective.....Julia Gott '23
Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education

Perspective Dr. Noam Shpancer
Professor of Psychology

Perspective Ryan Walker '23
Bachelor of Science in Psychology

Song*Sing for Myself*
Cabaniss & Olagbami
Performed by Opus One
Jeremy Alfera, Director

Perspective..... Wes Utsler '23
Bachelor of Arts in Political Science

Perspective..... Dr. Carla Corroto
Professor of Sociology

Perspective Emma Young '23
Bachelor of Science in Equine Business Management

Song*The Human Heart*
Ahrens & Flaherty (arr. Beck)
Performed by Opus One
Jeremy Alfera, Director

Benediction Rev. Dr. Judy Guion-Utsler
University Chaplain

Postlude Jeremy Alfera, Piano

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The 2023 Baccalaureate Planning Team

Ryan Walker • Kenzie Slemmer • Aaron Mundziak • Dulce Grande • London Newman • Matthew Boles

Opus One

Jeremy Alfera, Director

Vincent Bostick	Piers Ross
Grace Francis	Anna Kate Scott
Gabri Levine	Lucas Smith
Izzie Lindsey	Kylie Stadler
Serg Mariscal-Marquez	Liv Sweet
Teddy McIntyre	Wes Utsler
Bri Mitchell	Joseph Worrell
Jenna Nygren	David Zimmerman

Sing for Myself

*Out of the fallen trees we sing
Sing like we're losing everything
Lost and without a place to go
Sing for myself, it's all I know*

*Born to a brand new century
Sing for our sisters patiently
Born to a day that's just begun
Sing for our mothers and our sons*

*We sing for the voices never heard
Sing for the lessons we've still not learned
Sing for the peace we've never won
Sing for the work that's still not done*

*And if on our darkest days we cry
Sing 'til we put our fears aside
And if I feel myself begin to fold
Sing for myself, it's all I know
Sing for myself, it's all I know*

*The courage of a dreamer
The innocence of youth
The failures and the foolishness
That lead us to the truth*

*The hopes that make us happy
The hopes that don't come true
And all the love there ever was
I see this all in you.*

You are part, part of the human heart

*Of all who took the journey
And managed to endure
The ones who knew such tenderness*

The Human Heart (from *Once on This Island*)

*The ones who felt so sure
The ones who came before you
The others yet to come
And those who you will teach it to
And those you learned it from*

You are part, part of the human heart

*This is the gift I give,
Through your love you'll live, forever...*

*You are part, part of the human heart.
Tonight, part of the human heart.*



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