



## School of Music

College of Fine and Applied Arts  
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Urbana, Illinois 61801

Dear Degree Candidate:

Based on the number of credit-hours completed, you may be eligible to participate in the May 2018 Commencement ceremonies of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign as well as the School of Music Convocation.

### **University-wide Commencement – Saturday, May 12, 2018 at 9:30 AM, Memorial Stadium**

This university-wide ceremony is the official University of Illinois academic ceremony at which the Chancellor presides and the President confers degrees. Tickets are required, but there is no limit on the number of tickets you can request. Click [here](#) to register by April 30 to participate in the university-wide ceremony.

Students with disabilities who require special assistance to fully participate in the university-wide Commencement ceremony may contact the Commencement Office at (217) 333-8834 or [commencement@illinois.edu](mailto:commencement@illinois.edu).

Detailed information on the university-wide commencement ceremony can be found [here](#).

### **School of Music Convocation – Sunday, May 13, 2018 at 6 PM, Tryon Festival Theater, Krannert Center for the Performing Arts**

In addition to the university-wide Commencement, the School of Music will host a separate convocation in the **Tryon Festival Theatre, Krannert Center for the Performing Arts**. All graduates' names are read at this ceremony, and graduate degree recipients are hooded. ***Tickets are required, and limited to six (6) tickets per participant/graduate.*** To register to participate and reserve tickets by 10 PM on April 10 click [here](#).

Detailed information on the School of Music Convocation ceremony can be found [here](#).

### **Ordering Academic Attire**

**A cap and gown are required** for participation in Commencement and Convocation exercises. Herff Jones has been contracted to provide custom rental academic attire for all graduates. Bachelor attire consists of a mortarboard, gown, tassel, and stole. Additional stoles of gratitude may be purchased. **Artist Diploma, Master's, DMA, and PhD** candidates get a hood instead of a stole.

### **Students can order their academic regalia online by 10 PM on April 12**

at: <http://colleges.herffjones.com/college/illinois/>. The deadline to order custom doctoral regalia for purchase is March 23, 2018 in order to receive it in time for the ceremonies.

Announcements cards may also be ordered through [Herff Jones](#), the Illini Union Bookstore, or other source of your choice.

**Hotel Location Service**

Most hotels begin taking reservations for Commencement Weekend very early and may already be filled in the Champaign-Urbana area. However, the Champaign County Convention and Visitors Bureau website [www.visitchampaigncounty.org](http://www.visitchampaigncounty.org) may be able to assist you with finding accommodations.

Warmest congratulations on your academic achievement. We look forward to your participation in 2018 Commencement Weekend!

Sincerely yours,

*Jennifer Gavel & Jenny Phillips*

*School of Music Convocation Coordinators*