This seal depicts Our Lady of Mercy enclosed in a circle and standing before a cross. Around Our Lady’s head is inscribed the motto: *Maria Spes Nostra*, Mary our Hope. On one side of the base is the lamp of wisdom, and on the other, the book of learning. This seal, according to the bylaws, shall be affixed to all official documents and decrees prepared by Salve Regina University.
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Doctor of Humane Letters

honoris causa

Jonathan Michael Batiste, master of America’s music and global ambassador for musical connections, with charisma, unique style, and sturdy religious faith, you have made a joyful noise unto the Lord and all mankind through performance, study, mentoring, teaching, and innovative outreach.

The child of a great musical family, born in Kenner, Louisiana in 1986, you were rocked in the cradle of jazz from infancy. You were drumming in your uncle’s band by age 8 and studying the piano by 11. You advanced quickly through the New Orleans Center for Creative Arts, releasing your first CD before graduation. At the Juilliard School of Music in New York City you had earned a Master’s degree in piano by the time you were 23, released your second CD, and formed a trio of Juilliard students playing around the city. That group grew into the extraordinary jazz quintet, Stay Human, which is now the celebrated house band of The Late Show with Stephen Colbert, playing to millions nightly.

The desire to connect and uplift people through jazz has been an urgent challenge in your life. Your quest has led you to perform in over forty countries, teaching master classes and offering international youth a chance to perform in the United States. You have encouraged young musicians with your Social Music Residency and Mentoring Program. With your signature melodica in hand, you have performed and recorded in New York subways and on street corners. You have improvised the transformational experiences of “Love Riots,” as joyous citizens follow the pied piping of the Stay Human band, parading down city streets and sidewalks, in parks, and in the aisles of concert halls. In film and television, you have emerged as an authentic voice for the arts, a teacher, and a witty comedian. As an associate artistic director of the National Jazz Museum in Harlem, you enthusiastically assumed much responsibility for the growth of a vital, fledgling institution that teaches and celebrates jazz, the only authentic homegrown art form of the United States.

For sharing your great musical gifts and your profound understanding of the place of jazz in our country, for your faith in the uplifting of all peoples, and for your delight in engaging musically with all of America, Salve Regina University is honored to bestow upon you the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, honoris causa, with all its attendant rights and privileges, on this twenty-first day of May 2017.
George Wein
Doctor of Humane Letters
honoris causa

George Wein, as the beloved great-grandfather of the music festival movement, your name is synonymous with the promotion and appreciation of jazz throughout the world. For over six decades, you have been the visionary, the bridge-builder, the celebrant, and the pioneer of the living moment in which the great creators and innovators of jazz sound come together with a live audience of devoted fans.

From your 1925 birth and your youth in Newton, Massachusetts to your college days at Boston University, the allure of the piano, the informed love of club jazz, and the joy of performance took precedence over all else. By your twenties, your own club, the fabled Storyville, was presenting and recording the reigning giants of jazz while encouraging emerging musicians at the dawn of their careers. Intrigued by your ability to organize the best in the field, you were invited by Elaine and Louis Lorillard to create the first outdoor jazz festival at Newport, Rhode Island in 1954. The Newport Jazz Festival, that year, in the years to follow, in its years on the road, and in its return home to Newport, have been legendary in musical history. From the Newport Jazz Festival was born the Newport Folk Festival, along with uncounted musical festivals that swept the globe. You rode this wave of the music of the American people around the world, fostering understanding of the jazz form, composing uniquely collaborative performances, and nurturing the careers of great musicians.

Throughout your career, you have been an unflinching advocate for racial equality, interracial respect, and civil rights. You were the trusted friend of the greatest jazz musicians because you followed them, played with them, loved them, and ultimately promoted their gifts to a vast audience. With persistence, optimism, and undaunted chutzpah, you weathered the weather, riots, carping neighbors, diva infighting, and anxious finances to connect musicians to their fans in real time on a live stage in a shining, irreplaceable moment.

George Wein, you crafted an essential piece of Newport’s identity. You hold a special place in Newport’s heart and Newport’s history. It is a privilege for Salve Regina University to bestow upon you the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, honoris causa, with all its attendant rights and privileges, on this twenty-first day of May 2017.
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Appearance of a name in the Commencement program is presumptive evidence of graduation, but is not regarded as conclusive. The official Salve Regina University transcript, sealed and signed by the Registrar, is conclusive testimony of the student’s academic record and possession of degree(s) awarded by this institution.
Salve Regina University congratulates the following Class of 2017 graduates who are children of alumni:

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All alumni legacies and their families are invited to meet at the entrance of Our Lady of Mercy Chapel on Ochre Point Avenue for photographs after Commencement.
When universities were taking form in the twelfth and thirteenth centuries, they were under the jurisdiction of the Church. Most of those studying were clerks in Holy Orders, monks, or priests. They wore a habit or cloak, to which was attached a cowl or hood. This could be pulled up over the head or thrown back, according to the weather. Gowns were necessary for warmth in the unheated buildings, and hoods served to cover the tonsured head before the use of the skull cap.

Today, the academic costume of cap, gown and hood has taken on a symbolic meaning. Colors and shapes conform to a generally accepted code and indicate the faculty conferring the degree and the kind of degree conferred. Gowns for the bachelor's degree are worn closed and are distinguished by their long, pointed sleeves. Master's degree gowns are designed to be worn open. They have very long sleeves, oblong in shape. Gowns for the doctoral degree, usually black, are also designed to be worn open and have velvet panels. Three velvet bars are stitched to the upper part of the full, bell-shaped sleeves.

Hoods are trimmed with a slim strip of velvet to indicate the specific faculty awarding the degree. The colored lining is the official color of the institution conferring the degree. Hoods may be trimmed to represent the following academic areas:

- Arts, Letters, Humanities.................. White
- Business Administration ........ Light Brown
- Education................................. Light Blue
- Fine Arts................................. Brown
- Musical Arts.............................. Pink
- Philosophy............................... Dark Blue
- Science................................. Golden Yellow
- Theology................................. Scarlet

**Music**

**COMMENCEMENT BAND**

Emma Hookway

*Director*
Honor Cords

Students at Salve Regina University who have distinguished themselves through academic performance wear honor cords of these colors:

- Gold — Summa Cum Laude
- Blue — Magna Cum Laude
- White — Cum Laude

The Mace

The mace and its bearer represent a custom that dates back to the Middle Ages. From the sixteenth century in England and since colonial days in America, it has become a symbol of office carried by the procession leader. In the academic world, the mace signifies teaching authority.

The Salve Regina University mace was designed by Rhode Island sculptor Paul A. Cavanagh as an octagonal, formalized flower. The staff of ebony represents lignum vitae — the tree of life. A circle of eight rigid geometric forms of silver, peaked with pyramids of lapis lazuli, are representative of the Virtues. The Intellectual and Moral Virtues enable one to lead a fruitful and good life. The extending leaves of blossom deriving from the silver forms are symbolic of one’s development in the world. An inner circle of leaves, in close embrace with the central form, and pistil-like cruciform with crown, suggest one’s development in love of Christ and the cross.

The President’s Medallion

The sterling silver medallion worn by the University President at all formal academic functions symbolizes the leadership and authority of the institution’s highest office.

Handcrafted by John Cavanagh, the design is based on the University shield, which symbolizes the commitment of the Sisters of Mercy to Salve Regina University, the dedication to learning by all members of the Salve Regina community, and the unending search for wisdom that flows from the knowledge of the liberal scholar. Each link of the chain is a “Mercy Cross,” with a crown superimposed over the face of each cross.
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