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Greg MacGillivray Delivers Keynote Address to Laguna College Graduates

On Monday, May 18, sixty-three BFA and six MFA students in the Laguna College of Art & Design Class of 2009 participated in commencement ceremonies. It was a grand celebration commemorating this milestone on their journey towards becoming the next generation of great artists and designers.

This year's keynote speaker and recipient of an Honorary Doctoral Degree in Fine Arts was Greg MacGillivray, the President of MacGillivray Freeman Films, an innovative team of specialists in the development, production and distribution of giant screen motion pictures for IMAX® Theatres. With a filmmaking career that spans more than 40 years and with more than 30 giant screen films to his credit, Greg has shot more 70mm film than anyone in cinema history.

Greg received his own first Academy Award nomination in 1995 and was nominated a second time in 2000. In 1998, his blockbuster film *Everest* achieved unprecedented critical acclaim and box office success and is currently the highest grossing IMAX Theatre film in history. In 2002, the Giant Screen Theater Association recognized Greg as one of five of the most important contributors to the success of the large format industry over the last twenty-five years. His film *To Fly* was selected by the Library of Congress for inclusion in the National Film Archives as one of the most important films in the first 100 years of American filmmaking.

In 2004, Greg with his wife Barbara founded the non-profit MacGillivray Freeman Films Educational Foundation whose aim is to contribute to the conservation of our natural and cultural heritage through giant screen films. In recognition of his contributions to the artistic community, LCAD awarded Mr. MacGillivray an honorary doctorate in Fine Arts.

"In the right hands, art and design can change the world for the better. Laguna College of Art & Design is proud today to award Greg MacGillivray an honorary doctorate and to have him deliver the commencement address," said President Dennis Power.

Images

- Commencement 1 - Filmmaker Greg MacGillivray finds himself behind the camera during the festivities.
- Commencement 2 - President Dennis Power, Mayor Kelly Boyd, Honoree Greg MacGillivray and Chairman of the Board Jim McQueen.
- Commencement 3 - Chairman Jim McQueen delivering his commencement address.
- Commencement 4 - Graduates
- Commencement 5 - Faculty member Grant Hier congratulates students

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