

Longy

School of Music

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Dear Incoming New Student,

On behalf of the faculty and administration of the Longy School of Music, I want to extend a very warm welcome to you. You can take real pride, as we do, in your significant record of achievement as a musician and a scholar. We are delighted to have you join us in January.

Exciting things have been happening at Longy. In the fall we welcomed a wonderful, vibrant group of students who have great energy, imagination and industry, students whom I'm certain you will enjoy as fellow students and friends. Our Unique Voices concert series welcomed the great violinist Gidon Kremer in concert and more recently, Longy students from the Early Music, Voice and Opera programs presented an elegant and vividly entertaining account of Cesti's opera, *Oronthea*. The Longy Chamber Orchestra, under Artistic Director of Large Ensembles Julian Pellicano, presented wonderful programs including the second performance of John Williams' Oboe Concerto with faculty artist Keisuke Wakao, Ives' *Unanswered Question* and Stravinsky's *Pulchinella Suite*. Opera at Longy gave two wonderful programs this fall, and our chamber music and ensembles, from Early Music to Modern American Music, reflected sensitive, lively and informed music making.

In the spring semester, we will welcome distinguished new music ensemble So Percussion, along with an array of other distinguished artists, such as pianists Peter Takacs and Ann Schein.

Longy, soon to become part of Bard College of New York, continues to spread its wings nationally. A teaching partnership with the Los Angeles Philharmonic, inspired by the *El Sistema* movement, will be launched in late January and the development of a new Master of Arts in Teaching degree is well underway. Motivating all of our initiatives, nationally and at our home campus in Cambridge, Massachusetts, is our belief that education should not only foster the power of the individual but also help that individual channel that power so that their lives in music will have an impact on others.

In order to familiarize you with the school, New Student Orientation will take place on Thursday, January 12 and Friday, January 13. **Please note that as a new Longy student, you are required to be present for the entire orientation period.** If you have questions or concerns in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact Alex Powell, Director of Admissions and Student Services, or Claire Raphaelson, Admissions and Student Services Coordinator

I hope you are having a wonderful end of the year. I very much look forward to welcoming you to Longy on January 12 and to getting to know you in the months ahead.

Yours sincerely,



Wayman Chin
Dean of the Conservatory