

## FOR GUESTS ATTENDING YALE SCHOOL of ART COMMENCEMENT

We are delighted to welcome the families and friends of the Yale School of Art to campus for Commencement on May 18, as we come together to celebrate the accomplishments of your loved one. This message contains important information to help ensure a smooth and enjoyable visit.

Yale's Commencement consists of two parts: the University-wide ceremony in the morning and the Yale School of Art diploma ceremony in the afternoon. Please note that there will be approximately a two-hour interval between these events.

Kindly be aware that Yale University enforces a **Clear Bag Policy** for the morning ceremony. Bags must be no larger than 12" x 12". <https://commencement.yale.edu/families-and-guests#saftey>

### University Commencement Ceremony – Rain or Shine

Please plan to arrive early to allow time for traffic and parking.

Transportation, directions, and parking info: <https://commencement.yale.edu/families-and-guests>

Recommended parking: Chapel-York Garage or Howe Street Garage

Note: **High Street closes to traffic at 8:00 a.m.**

#### Schedule

- **10:00 a.m.** – Academic Procession begins
- **10:30 a.m.** – Ceremony begins (approx.)

#### Arrival Info

- Enter **Old Campus Quad** through the **High Street Gate** (between Chapel and Elm Streets)
- Do **not** use the Phelps Gate on College Street
- For accessible entry, use the **Chapel Street Gate** (between College and High Streets)
- Tickets provided by your graduate are required for entry

The morning [University Commencement](#) is a formal event including all Yale graduate and professional schools, and the undergraduate colleges. Graduates do not cross the stage at this ceremony; Dean Pinder will ceremonially present the degrees to the student marshal (your loved one will walk later at the School of Art's diploma ceremony). The Old Campus procession lasts about 30 minutes; the ceremony is approximately one hour.

After the ceremony, the School of Art recessional returns to our main building, **Green Hall (1156 Chapel Street)**, two blocks away. If Old Campus is too crowded, you may prefer to meet your graduate back at the School.

**[The UNIVERSITY CEREMONY will be live streamed beginning at 9:30am EST HERE](#)**

**[The School of Art Diploma Ceremony will be live streamed at 2:30pm EST HERE](#)**

## M.F.A. Diploma Ceremony

Yale University Art Gallery, McNeil Auditorium (inside)

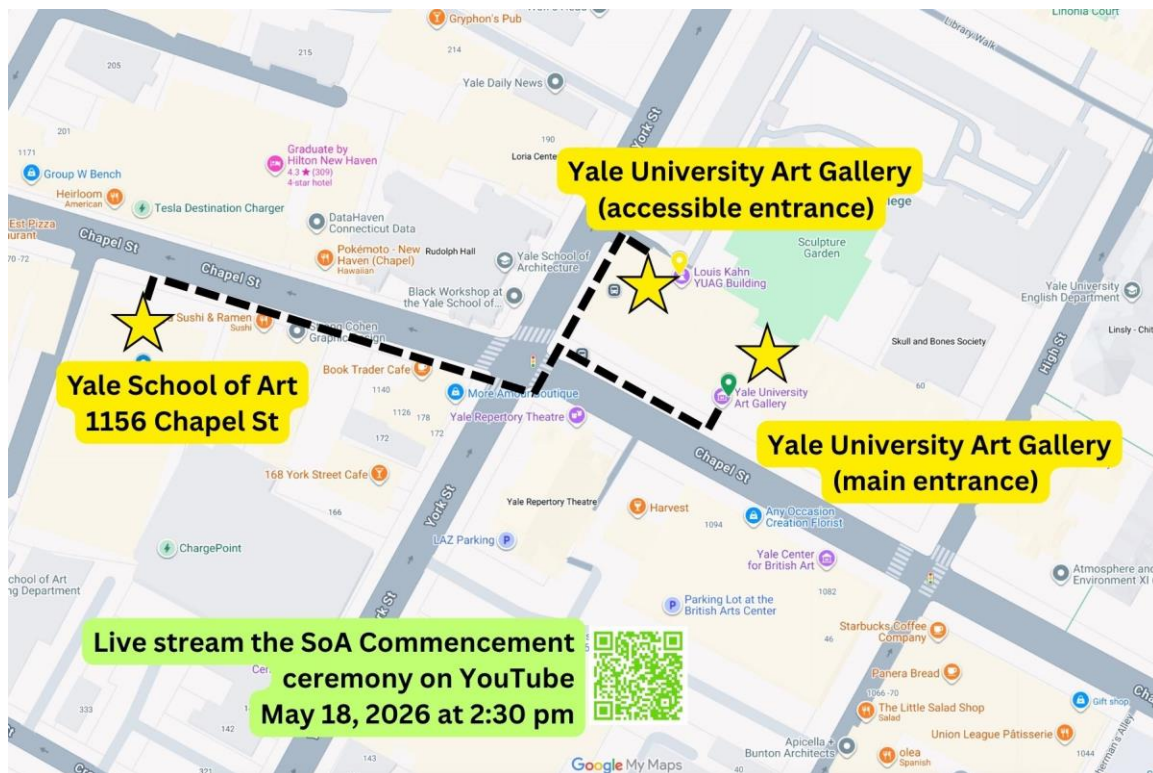
We look forward to welcoming you to the M.F.A. Diploma Ceremony, where your graduate will walk on stage to receive their diploma/degree.

### Ceremony Details

- **Guest Arrival:** After 2pm
- **Ceremony will begin at 2:30 PM**
- **Location:** The Yale University Art Gallery (YUAG) McNeil Auditorium (ceremony is now inside)
- **Entrances:** Guests may enter through either the YUAG main entrance at **1111 Chapel Street** OR accessible entrance (wheelchairs, strollers, or anyone) at **201 York Street**.
- The following items cannot be brought into the YUAG/Ceremony: flowers, balloons, packages, large signs, food/drink, large bags.

### Accessibility

Guests requiring handicap-accessible entry should enter the auditorium through **201 York Street**, next to the security entrance for the Yale University Art Gallery. There are **NO STAIRS** using this entrance.



The School of Art Diploma Ceremony live stream URL: <https://youtube.com/live/5XMKsEHRgIc?feature=share>

## Important Visitor Notes

- **The diploma ceremony** has been moved to **McNeil Auditorium**, inside the Yale University Art Gallery (1111 Chapel Street). The staff will be turning over/prepping the space up until 2:00pm.
- If you enter through the main entrance, kindly make your way straight to the auditorium. Though you might see your graduate lined up in the lobby, we will need their undivided attention so visiting with guests cannot be accommodated in this area prior to the ceremony. Thanks for your cooperation.
- When the ceremony ends, kindly remain in your seats until the academic procession has left the auditorium. You may then follow the group out the side exit to Green Hall to celebrate.
- There will be a reception with light refreshments to follow at **Green Hall, 1156 Chapel Street** starting at 3:30. Doors to the building will be green-lit from 3:30 – 5:30 pm only.

## Parking & Traffic

Complimentary parking is available at:

- **150 York Street Garage**
- **79 Howe Street Garage**

Please note: These garages fill quickly. Expect delays and street closures around Old Campus due to commencement activities, so plan accordingly.

## Viewing & Photography

The University Commencement Ceremony in the morning will be live streamed on [Yale's YouTube channel](#) for those unable to attend in person. The SoA Diploma ceremony will be live streamed on [School of Art YouTube](#).