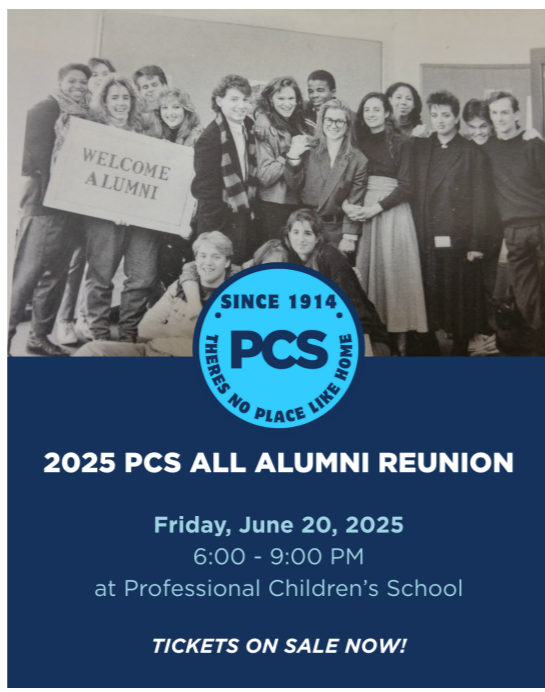


ALUMNI NEWS

June 2025

EVENTS



PCS All Alumni Reunion on June 20th!

Join us at the Alumni Reunion on Friday, June 20th from 6-9pm at PCS! There will be hors d'oeuvres and open bar all night, along with school tours, a yearbook display, the school store, and more. Reconnect, reminisce, and celebrate with us this Friday!

Online sales for \$30 tickets and group packages end on Wednesday, June 18th. Tickets will be available at the door for \$40.

Get Tickets & Learn More >

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Congratulations to the newest PCS Alumni, the PCS Class of 2025!

We welcomed 29 new members to the alumni community on Thursday, June 12, 2025. Please join us in welcoming the members of the Class of 2025!

New Artwork in the 7th Floor Alumni Gallery

At graduation time, we are happy to pay a special tribute to Quinn Zoldak, who will be attending The School of the Art Institute of Chicago in the fall. Quinn joins a long list of other PCS visual artists over the years who have graduated and gone on to attend an art school on their way to becoming professional visual artists.

In having her work represented in the 7th floor art gallery, Quinn joins fellow PCS alums Andrew To (1990), Skye Ferrante (1991), Graig Weich (1992), Max Abeles (2002), Millie Yoshida (2008), Anna Siegel (2010), Seok Min Yeo (2010), Madisen Matney (2010), Nicoline von Finck, (2013), Huahua Liu (2013), Hazel Chen (2014), Maria Tinoco (2016), Emily Du (2016), Christian Nosal (2017), Dashiell del Barco (2022), and Zsofi Markus (2022).

Here is a photo of Quinn and her recent work that we have now hung in the gallery as well as the text of the plaque that is beside it:

"Quinn Zoldak moved to New York City from Virginia, and she enrolled at PCS midway through 10th grade. She already knew that she wanted a career in the visual arts, and her collaboration with Ms. Ta in PCS's studio art courses encouraged her to have a higher output and to constantly be creating. Quinn uses primarily charcoal, oil, and acrylic, and most of her works are about womanhood. During all her years here, Quinn was instrumental in leading PCS's Gender & Sexuality Alliance. Quinn graduated from PCS in 2025 and is attending the School of the Art Institute of Chicago."



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**Darby Lee-Stack '23** stars in a new film, *Evergreens*, which was recently screened at the Seattle International Film Festival.

**Milly Shapiro '20** starred in "The Last Bimbo of the Apocalypse" at The New Group this spring.

**Sebastian Stoger '17** will be joining the Virginia Symphony Orchestra as principal cellist, beginning in the upcoming 2025-2026 season.

**Yilun Xu '15** is currently pursuing her doctoral degree at the Peabody Institute of Johns Hopkins University while also performing internationally.

**Brianna Abruzzo '12** is playing the role of Victoria in *Cats* at the Fulton Theatre. This production, directed and choreographed by Marc Robin, runs from June 13-July 20. Make sure to catch her playing the role of Braden in the June 24th episode of in Marvel's 'Ironheart'. Other recent works include Brianna in NBC's 'Grosse Pointe Garden Society', Camila in Tubi Original 'Killer Nurses', Ariel in Lifetime's 'Secrets Between Sisters', and Sorella in Steven Spielberg's 'West Side Story'.

**Unity Phelan '12** is among the several PCS alumni appearing in the new Amazon series, *Étoile*.

**Tiler Peck '06** is among the several PCS alumni appearing in the new Amazon series, *Étoile*.

**Robbie Fairchild '04** is among the several PCS alumni appearing in the new Amazon series, *Étoile*.

**Megan Fairchild '02** has announced her retirement from NYCB for May 2026.



Sonja Kostich '90

**David Handler '98** participated in the Long Play Festival by presenting world premiere screenings of five music videos with music from his debut album, "Life Like Violence". [Learn more here >](#)

**Sarah Michelle Gellar '94** stars in *Dexter: Original Sin* on Paramount+.

**Sonja Kostich '90** was recently named Executive Director at Houston Ballet.

**Jen Rudin '90** published a piece in [The Forward](#) about her experience meeting Pope John Paul II with her father, Rabbi James Rudin. She will also join the adjunct faculty at the University of New Mexico in the Fall 2025 teaching in the film department.

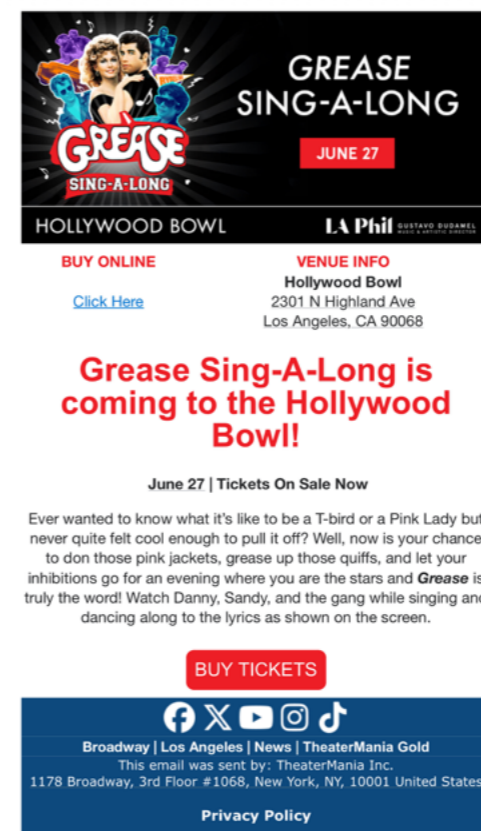
**Theara Ward '82** is continuing her education at IRIE Dance Theatre / Goldsmiths University, in London, for an MA in Diasporic Dance Styles. The low residency course has allowed for Theara to continue with life and arts practice here in the U.S., as she enrolled as she was caring for her mother. Theara noted that on the first day of online orientation, she felt a sense of "deja vu", remembering when she toured with Dance Theatre of Harlem while a student at PCS. She cannot attend the Reunion on the 20th as she will be performing at BAM to a sold out audience as part of the Jamel Gaines Creative Outlet Juneteenth celebration.

**Yo-Yo Ma '71** recently received the key to Providence, RI from the city's Mayor.

**David Oei '69** previously made private recordings in 2008 and 2010 with close friends Viktor Ullmann and Lutz Rath, as well as one with Eriko Sato. After losing Lutz recently, David felt it was time to make these efforts public. "[Five Not-So-Easy Pieces](#)" was made with Eriko Sato after she had suffered a major hand injury. Upon her recovery, David felt the need to capture their musical journey as a duo. David also has 4 solo and chamber music CDs on Bandcamp under [this page](#). David has a new release of his work slated for this Summer and another for early next year.

**Barry Pearl '69** will be at The Hollywood Bowl's *GREASE SING-A-LONG* on June 27, 2025. He will be hosting the event alongside his castmates in the film, including Didi Conn (Frenchy), Michael Tucci (Sonny), Kelly Ward (Putzie), the Director, Randal Kleiser and Casting Director, Joel Thurm. [Get tickets here!](#)

**Paul Posnak '62** shared what he has been up to since attending PCS. He went to Columbia University and then to Juilliard, and then had both an academic career and performing career in U.S., Europe and Asia, with 19 recordings, three publications and various awards. He is currently Prof. Emeritus University of Miami Frost School of Music. You can learn more at his [website](#).



Did we miss your news? Share it with us at [alumni@pcs-nyc.org](mailto:alumni@pcs-nyc.org)!

SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT PCS

PCS is also expanding to now include 4th and 5th grade applicants for the 2025-2026 academic year. Share the news with anyone looking to apply for Fall 2025!

If you know of a student that would benefit from an education at PCS, we encourage you to send them our way! They can attend virtual information sessions, get a tour of the school, or meet with the Director of Admissions.

Upcoming Admissions Events

Do you have news to share with the Alumni community? [Click here!](#)

Planning a visit to PCS? Make sure to schedule an appointment so that we can plan accordingly! Email [alumni@pcs-nyc.org](mailto:alumni@pcs-nyc.org) to schedule a time to stop by, tour the building, and walk down memory lane. We cannot wait to see you!

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