

Honorary Doctorates

Honorary Doctorates of Fine Arts degrees are awarded each year at commencement to members of the artistic or civic communities who have been nominated by faculty, students, alumni, and CCA's Board of Trustees. This honor is bestowed in recognition of an individual's outstanding artistic achievement and eminence in one or more disciplines and/or leadership in the arts, or significant leadership contributions through civic support of the arts.

Past Recipients

1927	William Surber Porter, MD, MFA	1975	John B. Hightower	1994	Richard Serra
1950	Joseph Russell Knowland, LLD		Hideyo Tsukamoto		Robert Mims Wilson
1951	Emma Jane McCall, LHD	1976	Sheldon Cheney	1995	R. B. Kitaj
1952	Eric Spencer Macky, LLD		Roman Vishniac		Wayne Wang ('72, '73)
		1977	Saul David	1996	Claes Oldenburg
			Robert Boardman Howard		Coosje van Bruggen
		1978	Fritz Eichenberg		Toni Morrison
			David Rockefeller Jr.	1997	Jim Dine
		1979	Eudorah M. Moore		Reverend Cecil Williams
			Al Parker	1998	Laurence Halprin
		1980	Mario J. Ciampi		Steven Oliver
			Rudolph Schaeffer		Bill Viola
			Wayne E. Thompson	1999	Kenneth Frampton
		1981	Earl Kenneth (Fatha) Hines		Dr. Mimi Silbert
			Glenn A. Wessels ('24)		Carrie Mae Weems
		1982	Isamu Noguchi	2000	Viola Frey
		1983	Richard N. Bolles		Phyllis Wattis
			Marcelle Labaudt	2001	Ed Ruscha
			George Lichty		Bernard Osher
		1984	Henry Tyler Hopkins		Barbro Osher
		1985	Kathan Brown ('68)	2002	Christo and Jeanne-Claude
			Robert Clyde Maynard		Robert Mondavi
		1987	Louis Siegriest		Margrit Biever Mondavi
		1988	Louise Bourgeois	2003	Richard Goldman
			Dale Patrick Chihuly		Ann Hamilton
			Frank O. Gehry		Ann Hatch
			June Wayne	2004	Rhodessa Jones
		1989	Elmer Bischoff		James Archibald Turrell
			Miriam Schapiro	2005	Samella Lewis, PhD
		1990	Joseph Esherick		Michael McClure
			Betye Saar		Barclay Simpson
		1991	Sheila Levrant DeBretteville	2006	Richard Tuttle
			David Ireland ('72)		Julia Parker
		1992	Jean Houston	2007	Robert Bechtle ('54, '58)
			Manuel Neri ('56)		Trinh T. Minh-ha
		1993	Dennis Leon	2008	Thom Mayne
			Marlon Troy Riggs	2009	Kara Walker
			Faith Ringgold	2010	Alice Waters
				2011	John Baldessari
					Betty Reid Soskin