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Welcome to the new and returning students!

We are all blessed to be a part of this unique public conservatory, one that enrolls the most talented students from North Carolina and beyond. As the school year begins, you will discover the special attention you will receive from faculty and staff alike, all of them committed to ensuring that you reach your highest potential as an artist. Returning students will renew acquaintances with old friends, and many of you are returning as even better artists after a summer filled with opportunities and challenges. The entire campus is ready to begin another year, one that will be marked by your performances and your achievements.

While you were away this summer, the North Carolina Legislature struggled to deal with an unprecedentedly large state budget deficit. As you likely know, UNCSA received a cut of \$2.97 million dollars, or 10.8% of our state appropriations. No doubt, these budget reductions will present us with great challenges as we go forward. However we will go forward and we will uphold our great traditions of excellence in arts education, training and production. As artist we will do as artists do: we will create. That means we will take the resources we are given and make them into something of far greater value. The show must and will go on.

The University of North Carolina School of the Arts is a very special place. Its mission is to provide the best environment to support artists in the schools of Dance, Design & Production, Drama, Filmmaking, and Music, as well as in the visual arts. Our extraordinary faculty has created the courses and professional opportunities to ensure that you will receive education and training in an environment that will enable you to flourish. You are special. The standards of our school are high, and you have prepared yourselves to achieve here. Similarly, our faculty is a unique group of successful artists who are dedicated to “giving back” to prepare another generation of artists. Your successes will continue a long tradition at the School of the Arts.

We strive to make the campus environment a warm and inviting one. You are its heart and soul and I encourage you to make use of all we have to offer you. Make friends with students in other disciplines. Ask questions and get to know all the artists around you. Remember: if you don't ask, the answer is no.

UNCSA is a magic place, one that transforms lives. You will move from being a student with exceptional talent to a highly trained professional who will shape the artistic vision of the nation. I look forward to sharing in your performances, viewing your artistic expressions, and being with you

on campus. My office is in the Administrative Building, and I welcome you to stop by and introduce yourself. Otherwise, you will find me in the dining hall having lunch. I look forward to having you sit with me and tell me about your summer.

Have a great year!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Mauceri". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a distinct "M".

John Mauceri
Chancellor