

The Honorands of The 2007 Commencement

Roberto Díaz Doctor of Music

Roberto Díaz is an internationally renowned violist and the president and CEO of the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia. A native of Chile, he is the oldest of three siblings who attended the New England Conservatory of Music. He is the former principal violist of the National Symphony Orchestra and the Philadelphia Orchestra, and was a member of the Boston Symphony Orchestra and the Minnesota Orchestra. He has received numerous awards, including prizes at the Naumburg and Munich international viola competitions. His 2006 recording of *Viola Transcriptions* by William Primrose was nominated for a Grammy Award. An active chamber musician, he is a member of the Díaz Trio, which has toured the United States, Canada, Europe, Mexico, Chile, and China. The Trio was one of two ensembles invited by Isaac Stern to participate in a special concert celebrating the next one hundred years of music making at Carnegie Hall. He has served on the faculty at the Curtis Institute of Music, the Peabody Institute, and Rice University.