To the new Fall 2007 MSRA Students:

Congratulations on your admittance to the Master of Science in Recording Arts (MSRA) program at the University of Colorado at Denver and Health Sciences Center! I am delighted to welcome you to the College of Arts & Media, Department of Music and Entertainment Industry Studies. Graduate study has become increasingly important to professional development and career advancement. In scope and quality our graduate program is superb.

These first few weeks can, and probably will be simultaneously scary, hectic and exciting, as you begin this chapter of your life called “Graduate School.” With classes, research, learning and possibly even teaching, it’s normal to feel overwhelmed while navigating this new environment. To help make this transition period smoother, the College of Arts & Media, as well as CU-Denver, offer resources for new graduate students that provide important university and local information, including useful contact numbers and online links to help get you started and settled. We’ve included a New Student Checklist and a list of campus resources in this packet as your first set of tools to help you with this transition.

As our program is one of the best in the field of Recording Arts, we have high expectations for our graduate students. You will be expected to complete all of the readings and other homework prior to each class meeting; to contribute to class discussions on a regular basis; to act as mentors and positive role models to the fellow graduate and undergraduate students that share your classroom and facilities and most importantly, to perform at an advanced academic level. Further, we expect you to contribute to the field of Recording Arts in new and unique ways; to find new avenues of research and practice and to demonstrate these in your final research Thesis or Portfolio project. Students who do not meet these expectations will be expelled from the program.

In addition, all UCDHSC students are bound by the Honor Pledge. Please review the pledge language enclosed in this packet. Sign and return the pledge form to ARTS 177. Keep the pledge card as a symbol of the community of high academic integrity that you have chosen to join.

Our location in the heart of downtown Denver means the best of industry-government-university partnerships. Our program reflects the university model of the future, where students collaborate with faculty mentors, private companies and public agencies to solve real-world problems.

Our MSRA program is purposely limited in enrollment yet reflects the richness and diversity that energize this community of scholars. Our students come from all over the United States and from different countries. I’m proud of our students, of their achievements and of the outstanding graduate faculty who are their mentors.

Once again, congratulations on your admittance, and welcome to the MSRA program! I look forward to your contributions to our community.

Sincerely,

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