

## Helen Mirren, Branford Marsalis, civil rights icon Diane Nash highlight Tulane Commencement

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From left to right: Diane Nash, Helen Mirren, Shelley Taylor and Branford Marsalis will receive honorary degrees at Tulane University's Commencement.

**WHAT:** Tulane University's [Commencement 2017](#)

**WHO:** More than 2,800 Tulane graduates, their families, friends and keynote speaker [Helen Mirren](#). [Honorary degree recipients](#) include jazz great Branford Marsalis, civil rights leader Diane Nash and Shelley Taylor, a pioneer in the field of health psychology. In addition to traditional graduation pageantry, graduates will be sent off in distinct New Orleans style with live jazz by Dr. Michael White and the Original Liberty Jazz Band, Mardi Gras beads, second-lining, confetti cannons and

more.

**WHERE:** The Mercedes-Benz Superdome

**WHEN:** 9 a.m., Saturday, May 20, 2017

**MORE:** Media may park for free, after showing a press pass or Tulane-issued parking pass to the attendant in Garage 6, which is located on the Poydras Street side of the Superdome, to the right of Ground Level, Gate A. After parking, the media can enter the Superdome through Ground Level Gate A. A riser with a mult-box will be provided for media on the floor of the Superdome.

The event will be streamed live online [here](#).