

EDUCATION

Royal College of Art grants honorary doctorates to luxury fashion leaders

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Edward Enninful received his degree Thursday, with Ian Griffiths set to get his next week. Image credit: Shaun James Cox for the Royal College of Art

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London's **Royal College of Art** (RCA) has bestowed ten arts industry insiders with high academic achievements.

Among those who received honorary degrees during yesterday's ceremony were Edward Enninful, editor in chief of *British Vogue* and European editorial director at Cond Nast, and Ian Griffiths, creative director of Max Mara. Six professionals, including the above two luxury fashion leaders, were granted honorary doctorates, with the remaining four acknowledged with honorary fellowships.

"I am honored to receive this doctorate from the Royal College of Art, an institution which has given so much to the creative community," said Mr. Enninful, in a statement.

"Education is a privilege to be a part of; it offers a robust and rewarding foundation for life and I am forever blown away by the talents of the people who pass through the door here," he said. "To be welcomed into the RCA's history forevermore is a special moment."

Honoring creativity

During a three-day string of graduation ceremonies at the Royal Festival Hall and the Royal Albert Hall in London, the honorary recipients joined 2,000 RCA students closing the book on their current academic runs.

After emigrating to Britain as a teenager, Mr. Enninful began his career in fashion quickly and never attending college, giving this degree granted by RCA chancellor Sir Jony Ive even more meaning. Conversely, Mr. Griffiths is an alumnus of RCA, having graduated with a Master of Arts degree in fashion design in 1987, and will return to his college stomping grounds to receive the great honor on Sept. 19.

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[@Edward_Enninful](#)

Our new Honorary Doctors Editor-in-Chief of [@BritishVogue](#), Edward Enninful OBE and multi-award winning Choreographer, [@WayneMcGregor](#) CBE! pic.twitter.com/5QHb0brO3G

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The ten recipients of the college's highest honor also include famed, award-winning ballet choreographer Wayne McGregor alongside several academics and other creatives.

Italian fashion company Moncler's CEO and chairman Remo Ruffini recently received an honorary doctorate himself from the U.K.-based University for the Creative Arts ([see story](#)).

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