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**Jim Carrey Gives Commencement Address at Maharishi University of Management,
Receives Honorary Doctorate of Fine Arts**

Fairfield, IA: Jim Carrey gave the commencement address to Maharishi University of Management's class of 2014. The University Board of Trustees also presented Mr. Carrey with the honorary degree of Doctor of Fine Arts Honoris Causa in recognition of his significant lifetime achievements as a world-renown comedian and actor, artist, author, and philanthropist.

Maharishi University of Management granted degrees to 285 students representing 54 countries — 62 bachelor's, 219 master's, and four doctoral degrees. Over half of the graduate students, 126, received an MS in Computer Science.

Many students and their families attended the ceremony Saturday, May 24, in the Golden Dome on the MUM campus. Over 1000 people filled the beautiful building. The event was also live-streamed to overflow crowds in the Argiro Student Center.

Jim Carrey gave an inspiring, funny, and enlightening talk. He started with some locally related jokes, which drew approving applause and a lot of laughter. He inspired the students to think big and not give in to fear but to choose love. Many said it was the best commencement talk ever.

During the commencement, Mr. Carrey unveiled a very large biographical painting to illustrate part of his talk. The room was darkened, and when black light was shone on the painting, it highlighted brilliant fluorescent colors. (See attached photos.)

Carrey also shared personal stories about his childhood. He said his father could have been a comedian but chose to be an accountant because he wanted a stable job.

Carrey's father later lost his job, which taught Carrey an important lesson, he said.

"I learned many lessons from my father, but not least of which is that you can fail at something you don't want, so you might as well take a chance doing what you love," Carrey said.

As a result, the young Jim Carrey discovered his life mission — to free people from their concerns. His comedic antics have spread laughter and happiness around the world, bringing joy to millions.

Jim Carrey met with students in the [David Lynch MA in Film](#) for a lively Q&A session the day before. He has also actively supported the David Lynch Foundation campaign to bring the Transcendental Meditation technique to at-risk young people, veterans with PTSD, and women and children who are survivors of domestic abuse.

Carrey's Accomplishments

In 2013, Mr. Carrey released a children's book, How Roland Rolls, which presents the classical wisdom of Vedanta and received the Gelett Burgess Children's Book Award.

Mr. Carrey is also a celebrated painter and sculptor. He won rave reviews from critics at his debut art exhibit, Nothing To See Here, in Palm Desert in 2011.

In 2005, Mr. Carrey founded The Better U Foundation, which addresses global food security and helps rice farmers earn a better living for their families by supporting the System of Rice Intensification.

Over the course of his career, Mr. Carrey has been recognized numerous times by the MTV Movie Awards, People's Choice Awards, and Nickelodeon Kids' Choice Awards.

He won a Golden Globe Award for Best Actor in a Motion Picture – Drama for the title role in Peter Weir's The Truman Show. He won his second Golden Globe for Best Actor in a Motion Picture – Musical or Comedy for his portrayal of comedian Andy Kaufman in Milos Forman's Man on the Moon.

Other film credits include I Love You Phillip Morris, Yes Man, Bruce Almighty, Liar, Liar, Ace Ventura: Pet Detective, The Mask, and Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind, for which he received Golden Globes and BAFTA Award nominations for best actor in 2004.

About MUM

Maharishi University of Management (MUM) in Fairfield, IA, is a private university featuring Consciousness-BasedSM Education. The accredited traditional curriculum offers bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees in the arts, sciences, humanities, and business but also integrates programs

Innovative aspects include the Transcendental Meditation[®] program, one course at a time, and organic vegetarian meals. Visitors' Weekends are held throughout the year. For more information, call the Admissions Office at [800-369-6480](tel:800-369-6480) or visit <http://www.mum.edu>.

For a delightful report on the MUM graduation, see Gazette writer Diana Nollen's article posted on KCRG with photos: [Jim Carrey wise beyond his wise guy ways](#).

10 Photos attached and descriptions. High-Resolution versions are available upon request.

WeTransfer.com link for Press to download B-Roll footage of Jim Carrey at MUM Graduation 2014, good until June 1, 2014: <http://tinyurl.com/l56y79q>