

# *Eastman Graduate Student's Handbook*

On behalf of the Eastman Graduate Students' Association, let me take this opportunity to congratulate you on your acceptance, and welcome you to the Eastman School of Music. We hope that your years at Eastman will be a rewarding and a time you will remember fondly throughout your musical career.

The Eastman Graduate Students' Association (EGSA) exists to serve you in several ways: we strive to be a unified voice for the graduate student's to the University staff and faculty; we ensure that your activity fees are spent on both academic and social events which will be beneficial to as many graduates as possible; and above all, we hope to create a social environment where students feel welcomed and connected with their colleagues in order that you may get the most benefit out of your years here at Eastman.

This handbook has been put together for a quick reference on many topics such as housing, transportation, grocery stores, restaurants, etc. At the end, there is a section compiled by current Eastman Graduate Students that covers many tips, questions and topics that are important to know within the first several weeks of beginning studies at Eastman. We hope you find this handbook helpful.

Once again, welcome to the Eastman School of Music, if you have any questions or concerns about the EGSA please feel free to check out our website ([www.esm.Rochester.edu/gsa](http://www.esm.Rochester.edu/gsa)) or email us at [gsa@esm.rochester.edu](mailto:gsa@esm.rochester.edu).

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## HOUSING

### On & Off-Campus

- Eastman's Student Living Center and Cominsky Tower provides a practical and convenient residence for our students. A small number of rooms are reserved for graduate students. However, most graduate students find apartments close to the School; rental housing is abundant and rents are reasonable.

For more information on the Eastman Student Living Center, see the website under Student Life or contact Linda Muise (Assistant Dean for Residential Life) or Kathy Goodman (Administrative Assistant) Office of Residential Life (585) 274-1251.

- The Office of Residential Life maintains a website with off-campus housing listings: <http://www.esm.rochester.edu/doso/housing.php>.
- Craigslist (online housing database) is the best resource for finding apartments in Rochester: <http://rochester.craigslist.org>

### Daycares

**Care-A-Lot Child Care Inc.:** 395 John St., Henrietta. (585) 292-4880

**Children's Center of Brighton:** 2501 Lac de Ville Blvd. (585)-442-7400

**Faith Temple Daycare:** 1876 Elmwood Ave. (585) 473-1680

**Kindercare Learning Center:** 55 Castleman Rd. (585) 273-3677

**Monroe Community College Child Care Center:** 1000 E. Henrietta Rd. (585) 292-2640

**St. Peter's Child Care Center:** 3825 E. Henrietta Rd

### Nursery Schools

**Ellwanger-Barry Cooperative Nursery School:** 4 E. Henrietta Rd. (585) 461-4250.

**Rochester Children's Nursery:** 9451 South Ave. (585) 473-2858

## TRANSPORTATION & CAR REPAIR

\*Students, living within walking distance of the school, have found that a car is not a necessity, especially considering the options below.

### Parking

East End Garage is a parking garage located at 475 East Main Street, right around the corner from Eastman. Student rates are \$65 for the first month (\$40/monthly parking fee plus \$25/refundable deposit for a hands free pass), and \$40 per month thereafter. In order to get the student discount you will have to provide proof of registration. For more information, call the East End Garage at 585-325-7860

### Zip Cars

Get 24/7 access to Zipcars parked right on campus; our Toyota Matrix is located in the Fairway parking lot across from Eastman Commons! Students, faculty and staff can join Zipcar for only \$35/year. No deposit. No monthly commitment. Simply reserve the car online, let yourself in with your Zipcard and drive.

Our low hourly rate of \$7 includes gas, insurance, 180 miles/day, and reserved parking. You only need to be 18+ to join.

For more information or to sign up visit <http://www.zipcar.com/rochester/>

### Free Student Shuttles:

The bus shuttle between Eastman and the River Campus (the Red Line) is a regularly scheduled bus route of the city transit service and is free to all students with University of Rochester IDs.

The Green Line Shuttles vary daily and go to Marketplace Mall, Pittsford Plaza, Public Market, Brooks Landing, Wal-Mart, Wegmans, Target, and Regal Henrietta

For Red Line and Green Line bus routes and schedules see

<http://www.rochester.edu/parking/shuttle.htm>

### Other Services

- Rochester Genesee Regional Transportation Authority (RGRTA) buses service the city and greater Rochester area. For more information on routes, schedules and fares go to [www.rgrta.org](http://www.rgrta.org)
- Eastman is a three-minute walk from the Greyhound Bus Terminal and a short cab ride from the Amtrak Station. The Greater Rochester International Airport is 15-20 minutes away by car or taxi, or by city bus.
- Discounted Cab tickets may be purchased at the information window in the Eastman Main Hall. Simply call the cab company ahead of time to reserve a cab and pay with the inexpensive tickets. One ticket is \$2. The ride is limited to (5) five tickets per person/per ride. If you wish to go further, you will be required to pay additional cab fare; in addition for more than one passenger per ride, you will be required to pay the NYS Travel charge of \$1.50 per person and \$2.50 per person service charge for airport runs. This is a non-avoidable fee.  
<http://www.rochester.edu/parking/sponsoredtaxi.htm>

### Car Maintenance

**Ferrel's Garage**, 365 University Ave.: (585) 454-5649

**Schrader, Charles W., Inc.**, 686 Clinton Ave. S.: 585- 271-5179

**Rytek Automotive**, 68 O'Connor Rd., Fairport: 585-377-2080

## GROCERY STORES

There is a Public Market (280 North Union Street) located a short 15 minute walk from Eastman. The Green Line also services the Market during certain months of the year. You'll find fresh fruit, vegetables meat, fish, poultry, eggs, dairy products, home baked goods, seasonal produce, dry goods, specialty foods and ethnic delicacies. Prices, especially for produce, are competitive if not far better than super markets.

For more information see <http://www.cityofrochester.gov/prhs/publicmarket/>

**Wegman's** (A regional supermarket chain)

1750 East Ave. (10 minute drive from Eastman)

650 Hylan Drive (across from Marketplace)

3195 Monroe Ave. (Pittsford Plaza)

1885 Chili Ave. (Brooks-Chili),

**Tops:** 1900 Clinton Ave. S. (Loehmann's Plaza),

1100 Jefferson Rd. (Henrietta Plaza)

**Wal-Mart Supercenter:** 1200 Marketplace Drive

2150 Chili Ave

### Local/Organic

**Lori's Natural Foods:** 900 Jefferson Rd.

**Abundance Cooperative Market:** 62 Marshall Street, (585) 454-2667

**Rochester Public Market:** 280 N. Union St.

### Asian

**Hikari Food & Grocery:** 1667 Mt. Hope Ave.

**Lee's Oriental Food & Gifts:** 900 Jefferson Rd #1-1

**Song's Rice Cakes:** 900 Jefferson Rd.

**Chang's Oriental:** 1867 Mt. Hope Ave.

**Asian Market:** 3047 W. Henrietta Rd. #12

**Hong Du Supermarket:** 1545 N. Clinton Ave.

**West Lake Food Products:** 85 Commerce Drive, Henrietta

### European

**Dutch Market:** 257 Park Ave.

**Europa Deli:** 1694 Penfield road

**Lombardi's Gourmet Imports and Specialties:** 124 N. Main St., Fairport

### Indian

**India House Store:** 999 S. Clinton Ave., Namaste: 3047 W Henrietta Road, Suite 7

**Om Foods and Gifts:** 376 Jefferson Rd

### Jewish

**Lipman's Kosher Market:** 1482 Monroe Ave.

Latino

**Rivera's Market:** 258 Bay Street

Muslim

**Halal Market,** 311 E. Ridge Rd.

## SHOPPING

Shopping Areas/Commercial Zones

**East View Mall** 50 Eastview Mall Dr, Victor (585) 223-4420

**Greece Ridge Center** 271 Greece Ridge Center Dr, Greece (585) 225- 0430

**The Medley Center** 285 Irondequoit Mall Dr, Irondequoit (585) 266-4066

**Market Place Mall** 1 Miracle Mile Drive, Henrietta (585) 424-6220

**Pittsford Plaza** 3349 Monroe Ave, Pittsford (585) 424-6220

**South Town Plaza** 2975 Brighton Henrietta T1 #1, Henrietta (585) 427 7530

**Monroe Ave** shops, services and restaurants between the 490 overpass and North Union

**Park Avenue,** nearly all of Park Ave from Alexander to East. Smaller stores

**South Ave** between Alexander and Highland Park

**Twelve Corners & Brighton Commons** at the intersection of Elmwood Ave, Monroe Ave and Winton Rd

**University Ave 'Artwalk'** there is a commercial zone at the intersection of University and Atlantic and another at the intersection of University and Culver

**Village Gate Square** stores, appliances, specialty stores (from religious books to leather accessories) and a few restaurants in a renovated warehouse. Small business offices on second floor. On North Goodman between East Main and University

Used Furniture

**Cleveland New and Used Furniture** 223 Genesee St. (585) 464-8081

**Flatiron** 710 University Ave (585) 244-5280

used furniture, re-upholstered furniture, lamps, dishes etc

**Grandma's Attic** 836 Goodman St North (585) 288-5830

**Goodwill** 422 S Clinton Ave (585) 262-3330

**Sam's Used Furniture** 500 Lyell Ave (585) 254-2502

**Scotts Used Furniture** 206 Lyell Ave (585) 458-4050

Used Books

**Abacus Bookshop** 3800 Monroe Ave (585) 248-2310

**AfterImage** (the Visual Studies Workshop Bookstore) 31 Prince St (585) 442-8676

**Brown Bag Bookshop** 678 Monroe Ave (585) 271-3494

**Greenwood Books** 123 East Avenue (585) 325-2050 (Across East Ave from RPO Office)

**Gutenberg Books** 675 Monroe Ave (585) 442-4620

**Houghton Bookshop** 274 North Goodman St (585) 454-2910

**Rick's Recycled Books** 737 Monroe Ave

## INSTRUMENT REPAIR

**Thomas Music** <http://www.thomasmusic.net>

Located at 1908 Ridge Road East in Irondequoit, Thomas Music is a father and daughter business that is good for quick emergency repairs and general brass cleaning. More geared to brass than woodwinds. 585.266.7751

**Atlas Music** <http://www.atlasmusic.net>

Located on Empire Blvd. In Webster, Atlas Music is a small music store that has 3 technicians working in it. They do ok work on most woodwinds and brass. 585.671.2020

**Paul Abel** <http://www.brassandwoodwindshop.net/>

Located at 226 West Commercial Street in East Rochester, Paul is a more experienced brass technician that several professionals in the RPO use for repairs. 585.385.4227

**National Association of Professional Band Instrument Repair Technicians**

(NAPBIRT) <http://www.napbirt.org/mc/directory/viewsimplesearch.do>

Search for technicians outside the area --there are some better techs in Buffalo and Syracuse

**String Instruments Ltd**, <http://www.stringinstrumentsltd.com>

instrument dealer, repairs, bow re-hairs

**Sullivan Violins** <http://www.sullivanviolins.com/>

instrument maker and dealer, repairs

**Don Reinfeld** <http://www.drbows.com/>

bow maker, re-hairs

**The String House** <http://www.thestringhouse.com/>

instrument dealer, repairs

\*With the exception of The String House, all string shops are within easy walking distance of Eastman.

## Ear-Nose-Throat Specialists

The Voice Department state that you MUST talk with your teacher before contacting the physicians listed below. This is important because teachers can vet problems that should go to these busy specialists as opposed to things that can be helped through the student health office.

Dr. Michael Haben  
2365 South Clinton Avenue  
Rochester, NY 14642  
585-758-7500

Dr. John Coniglio  
1065 Senator Keating Blvd. Ste. 240  
Rochester, NY 14618  
( 585) 256-3550

## BANKS

For your convenience, these are the banks located within a few blocks of Eastman:

Bank of America- 1 East Ave (585) 546-9203  
Citizens Bank- 40 Franklin St (585) 258-3105  
Citibank- 28 Main St E (585) 546-3481  
Upstate National Bank- 1 W Main St (585) 546-3210

## RESTAURANTS

\* designates places within walking distance of Eastman

### Asian

**Aja Noodle**, 2602 Elmwood Avenue, 585-244-1502 [www.ajanoodleco.com](http://www.ajanoodleco.com)  
**Dac Hoa**: 230 Monroe Avenue, 585-232-6038  
**Flavors of Asia** 831 South Clinton, 585-256-2130  
**\*Golden Port Dim Sum** <http://www.thegoldenport.com>  
105 East Avenue, 585-256-1780  
**K.C. Tea and Noodle** 360 Park Avenue, 585-271-7880  
**Plum House** 686 Monroe Ave, 585-442-0778

### Bars and Pubs

**\*The Bug Jar**: 219 Monroe Avenue, 585-454-2966  
**Lux** 666 South Avenue, 585-232-9030  
**\*Matthews East End Bar and Grille** [www.matthewseastendgrill.com](http://www.matthewseastendgrill.com)  
200 East Ave 585-454-4280  
**\*The Old Toad** [www.theoldtoad.com](http://www.theoldtoad.com)  
277 Alexander Street, 585-232-2626  
**\*Temple Bar and Grille** [www.templebarandgrille.com](http://www.templebarandgrille.com)  
109 East Ave 585-232-6000  
**\*Salinger's Bar and Grill** 107 East Ave 585-546-6880

### BBQ

**\*Dinosaur Bar-B-Que**, <http://dinosaurbarbque.com/>  
99 Court Street (Downtown), 585-325-7090  
**Sticky Lips Pit BBQ**, <http://www.stickylipsbbq.com/>  
625 Culver Road, 585-288-1910

### Casual

**Big Apple Café** 682 Park Avenue, 585-271-1039  
**Bruegger's Bagels Bakery** <http://www.bruggers.com/>  
1400 Mt. Hope Ave, (585) 442-4860  
**\*Center Stage** Located in the Miller Centre  
**Flour City Diner** <http://www.flourcitydiner.com/>

2500 East Ave 585-586-7730

**Highland Park Diner** 960 Clinton Avenue S, 585-461-5040

**Hogan's Hideaway**, [www.hoganshideaway.com](http://www.hoganshideaway.com)

197 Park Avenue, 585-442-4293

**Jay's Diner** 2612 W. Henrietta, 585-424-3710

\***Simply Crepes** <http://www.simplycrepes.com/>

114 South Ave 585-428-8300

\***Stromboli Express** 113 East Ave 585-546-2121

\***Tavern 58 at Gibbs** <http://www.tavern58.com/home>

58 University Ave 585-546-5800

#### Coffee/Dessert

**Abbott's Frozen Custard**, <http://www.abbottscustard.com/>

733 Park Avenue, 585-271-0430

3071 West Henrietta Road, 585-424-1140

**Boulder Coffee Company** 100 Alexander St., (585) 454-7140

\***Java's** 16 Gibbs Street, 585-232-4280

\***Little Bakery** [www.littlebakery.com](http://www.littlebakery.com)

89 Charlotte St 585-232-4884

**Phillips European**, <http://www.phillipseuropean.com/>

26 Corporate Woods, 585-272-9910

\***Spot Coffee** 200 East Avenue, 282-232-7768

**Starry Nites Cafe**, [www.starrynitescafe.com](http://www.starrynitescafe.com)

696 University Avenue, 585-271-2630

#### Deli and Sandwiches

**Café Cibon**, [www.cafecibon.com](http://www.cafecibon.com)

688 Park Avenue, 585-461-2960

\***Colombo's Market & Deli** 127 East Ave, 585-325-4640

**Di Bella's Old Fashioned Subs**, <http://www.dibellas.com/>

(Various locations across the city)

**Open Face**, <http://www.openfacesandwicheatery.com>

651 South Ave, 585-232-3050

\***Orange Glory** 240 East Ave, 585-232-7340

\***Pita Pit** 311 Alexander St 585-454-2510

#### Ethiopian

\***Abyssinia Restaurant** 80 University Avenue, 585-262-3910

**Dashen Restaurant** 503 South Avenue, 585-232-2690

#### Indian

**India House** 998 South Clinton Avenue, 585-461-0880

**Taste of India**, <http://www.tasteofindiarochester.com>

3047 West Henrietta Road, 585-475-1111

**Thali of India**, <http://www.thaliofindia.com>

3259 South Winton Road, 585-427-8030

### Italian

**Pomodoro Grill**, <http://www.thepomodorogrill.com/>

1290 University Avenue, 585-271-5000

**Pontillo's Pizza**, <http://www.pontillospizza.com/>

**\*Veneto's**, <http://www.venetorestaurant.com/>

318 East Avenue, 585-454-5444

### Mediterranean

**Aladdin's Natural Eatery**

646 Monroe Avenue, 585-442-5000

8 Schoen Pl, Pittsford, NY, 585-264-9000

**\*Alexandria's Mediterranean Cuisine** 120 East Ave 585-232-6180

**Sinbad's Mediterranean Cuisine** 719 Park Avenue, 585-473-5655

### Mexican

**\*Mex**, <http://www.mexrestaurant.com/>

295 Alexander Street, 585-262-3060

**El Rincon** (Worth the drive!)

5 Beeman Street, Canandaigua, NY, 585-394-3580

**Salena's**, <http://www.salenas.com/>

302 N Goodman Street, 585-256-5980

### Sushi

**California Rollin'**, <http://www.californiarollin.com/>

274 North Goodman St, 585-271-8990

**Shiki**, <http://www.shikirestaurant.com>

1054 S Clinton Avenue, 585-271-2090

### Upscale

**\*2 Vine**, <http://www.2vine.com/>

24 Winthrop Street, 585-454-6020

**Edibles**, <http://ediblesrochester.com/>

704 University Avenue, 585-271-4910

**\*Max of Eastman**, <http://www.maxofeastmanplace.com/>

25 Gibbs Street, 585-697-0491

**\*The Social**

330 East Avenue, 585-325-2010

## ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

NOTE: To find a list of current exhibitions, performances, movie screening times or for announcements of local events, pick up a copy of the free entertainment weekly

**City** ([www.rochesternewspaper.com](http://www.rochesternewspaper.com) )

**Insider** (<http://www.rochesterinsider.com/>).

The weekly publications are typically more helpful than the user-submitted online calendars. For local community-based arts listings (often held at local schools), go to the Arts Rochester website: [www.artsrochester.org](http://www.artsrochester.org)

### Museums

#### **Memorial Art Gallery**

500 University Avenue, 585-276-8900

#### **George Eastman House- International Museum of Photography**

900 East Avenue, 585-271-3361

#### **Rochester Museum and Science Center**

657 East Avenue, 585-271-4320

#### **Strong National Museum of Play**

1 Manhattan Square, 585-263-2700

### Libraries

**Sibley Music Library**- Eastman Campus 585-274-1300

**Rush Rhees Library**- River Campus 585-275-5804

For list of other U of R libraries visit [www.library.rochester.edu](http://www.library.rochester.edu)

**Central Library of Rochester and Monroe Country** 115 South Avenue 585-428-7300

No fee for Eastman Students to sign up for a library card

<http://www.rochesterpubliclibrary.org/> (See website for list of other locations)

### Live Music

**Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra** (performances in the Eastman Theatre)

Student discounts available for many concerts 585-454-7311

**The Bug Jar**, [www.bugjar.com](http://www.bugjar.com)

219 Monroe Avenue, 585-454-2966

**High Fidelity** [www.highfidelityrochester.com](http://www.highfidelityrochester.com)

170 East Avenue, 585-325-6490

**Montage Grille** [www.myspace.com/themontagegrille](http://www.myspace.com/themontagegrille)

50 Chestnut St, 585-223-6000

**Water Street Music Hall** [www.waterstreetmusic.com](http://www.waterstreetmusic.com)

204 N. Water St, 585-325-5600

### Movies

**Cinemark Imax & Cinemax Tinseltown**

2291 Buffalo Road, 585-247-2180

**Vintage Drive-In**

Rt 15, north of Rt 20, East Avon, NY 585-226-9290

**Dryden Theatre** (George Eastman House), online calendar:

<http://dryden.eastmanhouse.org/>

900 East Avenue, 585-271-4090

The Dryden features contemporary and classic cinema. Student discounts are available.

**Little Theatre**

Independent and Foreign Films

Also showing Met Opera performances and Ballets

<http://www.thelittle.org>

240 East Avenue 585-258-0400

Student memberships at a reduced price are available; call for more information

**Cinema Theater**

957 S Clinton, 585-271-1785

Daily double features, \$5 adults and \$3 students with ID

**Movie 10**

2611 W Henrietta Road, 585-292-5840

Tickets are \$1-2

Plays & Performances

**Downstairs Cabaret Theatre**, <http://www.downstairscabaret.com>

20 Windsor Street, 585-325-4370

**Geva Theatre**, <http://www.gevatheatre.org>

75 Woodbury Boulevard, 585-232-4382

**Rochester Children's Theatre Inc** [www.rochesterchildrenstheatre.org](http://www.rochesterchildrenstheatre.org)

4245 East Avenue, 585-385-0510

**Shipping Dock Theatre** [www.shippingdocktheatre.org](http://www.shippingdocktheatre.org)

31 Prince Street, 585-232-2250

**Todd Theatre** (University of Rochester students):

<http://www.rochester.edu/college/ENG/theatre/>

107 Todd Union, U of R, 585-275-4088 (box office)

Most student productions are free of charge to U of R students.

## **PET SERVICES**

Veterinarians

**Animal Hospital of Pittsford**, <http://pittsfordvet.com>

2816 Monroe Ave, (585) 271-7700

**Cats and Critters** (cats, small mammals and exotic pets only), <http://catsandcritters.com>

23 Somerton St. (Park Ave. area), (585) 442-4373

**Companion Animal Hospital**, <http://companionvethosp.com>

2800 W Henrietta Rd., (585) 424-2900

**Fairview Veterinary Hospital**, <http://fairviewvet.com>

6735 Pittsford-Palmyra Road, Fairport, NY, (585) 223-0940

**Stoneridge Veterinary Hospital**, <http://stoneridgevethosp.com>

550 Center Place Dr., (585) 227-4990

### Pet Stores

**Al's Pet Shop**, 464 Ridge Rd. W, (585) 865-6040

**Eden Plants & Pets**, 633 Park Ave., 585-256-3220

**Noah's Ark**, 1470 Monroe Ave., 585-271-1890

**TLC Natural Pet Foods**, 215 Alexander St., 585-530-3371

There are also many **Petsmart** and **Petco** locations in the Rochester and the surrounding areas, please go to [www.petsmart.com](http://www.petsmart.com) or [www.petco.com](http://www.petco.com) for the location nearest you.

Parks Unfortunately, there are no off-leash dog parks in the Rochester area, and although many dog owners simply ignore the posted signs, rangers and police will ticket owners with unleashed animals if they are caught. The following is a list of popular parks for dog-walking and general dog frolicking.)

**Cobbs Hill Park**, located between I-490 and Monroe Ave. (Rte. 31) and between Culver Rd. and Cobbs Hill Dr.

**Ellison Park**, take I-590 North to the Blossom Rd. exit and turn right off exit, the park will be on your left

**Mendon Ponds Park**, located off Clover Street (Canfield Rd. or Pond Rd. entrance) in Pittsford/Honeoye Falls

### Kennels and Pet Hotels

**Animal Inn Pet Resort at Stoney Pointe**, 3999 Buffalo Rd., 585-594-7387

**Lakewind Kennels Ltd**, 2069 Ridgeway Ave., 585-225-3838

**Orchard Hill Kennels**, <http://www.orchardkennels.com/>

1570 Walworth Penfield Road, Walworth, NY, 315-986-1605

\* Most local vets also offer kenneling services for dogs and cats.

## **OTHER USEFUL WEBSITES**

<http://www.ci.rochester.ny.us>

City of Rochester's official website. Info on city services (permits, housing, zoning, etc.). Pay water bill, taxes, and/or parking tickets.

<http://thecityofrochester.org>

A sort of Yellow Pages for Rochester. Organized by category. Includes search option.

<http://rocwiki.org>

Online encyclopedia for everything Rochester. Includes events calendar, shopping and dining info, and history. User-generated content. Very active.

<http://rochester.craigslist.org>

The place for classifieds in Rochester. Includes wanted/for sale, personals, housing, and jobs.

<http://www.rgrta.com>

Rochester Genesee Regional Transportation Authority. This is the public bus service of the Rochester greater metro area. Includes schedules and fees.

<http://www.urgog.com>

GOG is an organization for graduate students at the University of Rochester. Schedules social events, acts as student advocate, and provides support to graduate community.

Website includes graduate calendar, news, forums, and galleries

## USEFUL INFORMATION ABOUT THE EASTMAN SCHOOL OF MUSIC

An **ATM machine** is located on the first floor of the Miller Center inside the double doors across from Java's

**Cave Folders** aka Mail Folders are located in the Cave, or computer lab in the basement of the Main Building. You do not need to sign up for a mail folder, everyone is automatically given a folder. Staff, faculty and students use this open system to relay communications, reminders, telephone messages, returned homework, music, etc. You are required to check the cave folders frequently.

### **Counseling Center Hotline: 585-275-3113**

University Counseling Center information can be found at <http://www.rochester.edu/ucc/>

**Ensemble rehearsal schedules** are posted in the glass case to the right of the Main Hall central stairway. You may also access the schedule online:

<http://www.esm.rochester.edu/ensembles/rehearsals.html>

**A FLEX Account** may be activated to put money on your University ID card for the purpose of: making personal copies at the copy machines; purchasing items at the University Bookstores, including the ESM Bookstore/River Campus Computer Store; and purchases at various ESM/UR food services/vending machines. . To activate your identification card, you must initially call: 275-3975. You may transfer money to your ID card by giving a credit card number and amount to the ID Card Flex Personnel and /or once you call and activate your card, you may put cash into the VTS machines to add credit to your card.

### **Gig Referral Service**

The Office of Careers and Professional Development operates a gig database which posts local employment opportunities submitted to us from the community, from one-time gigs to recurring appointments. It is a significant source of income for our student population. Register online at no charge: <https://www.esm.rochester.edu/gig/>

If you are an international student, please be advised that you may not be eligible for these gigs. Please seek advice from ISO or other authorities on paperwork necessary to qualify for any sort of job in the United States.

### **Health Services and fees**

A health service office is located in Eastman Commons, Room 106 and can be reached at 585-274-1230

All full-time students pay the mandatory health fee of \$600 (in 2008-09) which covers

office visits at the University Health Service and the University Counseling Center. IN ADDITION, students must have health insurance. Students may opt to keep their own insurance (upon providing proof of existing insurance) OR may enroll in the Blue Cross Blue Shield insurance through the university which totals \$1,128. Students must designate online which option they will choose at the beginning of the fall semester. See <http://www.rochester.edu/uhs/studentinsurance/> for more detailed information

**Instrument Office**, located on the 5<sup>th</sup> floor of the main building, provides orchestral instruments for students to borrow as well as other instrumental tools such as mutes. The maximum loan period is one semester

**Jury requirements** vary by degree, class year and department. Questions regarding jury requirements for a specific year or department should be directed to the department chair. Jury week is annually scheduled by the Registrar's Office. The various departments post the jury schedules on the bulletin board across the hall from the Office of Academic Affairs.

**Lockers** are available throughout the main building and the annex. Locker sign up session occur during the first week of the school year. information will be available during Orientation. All lockers have pre-assigned locks on them. If you forget your combination during the year, or require further assistance, contact the Office of Facilities and Auxiliary Operations 585-274-1170

**Paychecks** for students who receive a stipend with their graduate award can pick up their paychecks on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of each month at the Information Window in the main hall. Everyone is encouraged to sign-up for direct deposit. To sign-up, or to print direct deposit pay stubs, go to PeopleSoft (UR homepage, Working at the University, Enter HRMS system) or ask at the information window for instructions.

**Payments** on student accounts (to pay tuition, please have bill in hand) parking, discount taxi tickets, purchases from the Department of Music Production and the Ensemble Library and student recital/concert programs can be made at the Cashier's Window. The Cashier also handles discount tickets for car washes and movies and other petty cash-related transactions (under \$50).

#### **Performer's Certificate**

Certificate candidates are nominated by an examining committee in instrumental or vocal concentration in which the certificate is sought (usually at the time of a jury performance). The certificate is awarded on the basis of a public recital (usually a degree recital) judged by a faculty committee.

**Practice Rooms** are not assigned, they are available on a first-come/first-serve basis. When a room is left vacant for more than 15 minutes, it become available to another student. Do not leave valuables unattended in unlocked room. Percussion, tuba, bass, harp and organ practice rooms are locked, keys are available from your teacher

**Professional Development Committee (PDC)** awards funds for professional opportunities. Funds are for significant professional opportunities, such as travel to present and/or perform at conferences, competitions, or workshops. The application for PDC funds involves submission of a written proposal that details both the opportunity and the associated costs, along with a written statement of support from a faculty advisor. The Professional Development Committee reviews written proposals three times per year. Application due dates: October 15, March 1, and May 1.

### **Tux Rentals-Discount**

Men are required to wear tuxedos for large ensemble performances (white bow tie, white vest and coat with tails, quality and style at discretion of student). Eastman students receive a discount on either full tuxes or individual pieces by visiting <http://www.concertformalwear.com/eastman.html>. Email [gsa@esm.rochester.edu](mailto:gsa@esm.rochester.edu) for more information.

## **USEFUL COURSE INFORMATION**

During Orientation Week, all incoming grads write theory and history placement tests. (See <http://www.esm.rochester.edu/orientation/> for more information). After the test students may be required to a) remedial theory and/or history classes b) take period-specific history courses. Remedial courses must be completed before degree required courses can be completed and although require payment, do not count towards degree credits. When a certain history is required (for example, MHS 426 History of 20<sup>th</sup> Century Music) the class counts for degree credit. Students should determine, as soon as possible, when the course is offered and take it because not every course is offered every year.

Payment is based on credit hour, and classes vary in number of credits. Thus the estimated tuition cost is only an average and may be more or less depending on the courses required (remedial, lessons, history etc).

Grad students need to fulfill a certain number of credit hours to be considered full time (9 with TA, 12 without TA)

The Arts Leadership Program (ALP- see below for more information) offers courses in a wide range of concentrations which are tuition free for grad students. These courses do not count towards the degree, but do count towards credit hours. For example, a grad student may register for 9 degree credits and 3 ALP credits for a total of 12 credit hours.

Some ALP courses are cross listed and can be used for degree credit. Standard tuition rates apply if the course is counted as degree credit. Students may choose to pay for a cross listed course retroactively and by doing so have it count towards a degree.

See <http://www.esm.rochester.edu/iml/alp/gradpolicy.php> for more information on taking ALP courses

Grad students are permitted to take a certain number (depending on degree) of non-music courses at the University of Rochester.

## **INSTITUTE FOR MUSIC LEADERSHIP**

As the first center of its kind in the country, the Institute for Music Leadership (IML) is a vital hub for creating, sharing, and implementing cutting-edge ideas and programs that will ensure the vitality and relevance of music in the 21st century.

Created in fall 2001 with generous support from the [Andrew W. Mellon Foundation](#), the Institute for Music Leadership at the Eastman School of Music:

- provides Eastman students, alumni, and professional musicians at all stages of their career with the broad education, specialized skills, and diversified experience they will need — in addition to their exceptional musicianship — to become versatile music leaders who will shape our musical and cultural future
- seeks to develop and maximize leadership potential in its participants through a variety of innovative diploma and certificate programs, professional development opportunities, intensive seminars, and “real world” experience
- offers a proactive response to the changing state of music today by challenging its participants to think more broadly about music, its role, and their roles in society
- is committed to leading the music profession into a new era

Want to learn more? Check out <http://www.esm.rochester.edu/iml/>

## **ARTS LEADERSHIP PROGRAM**

The Catherine Filene Shouse Arts Leadership Program (ALP) is designed to prepare Eastman students for a rapidly changing musical culture and an increasingly competitive and diversified marketplace.

The ALP recognizes that success as a professional musician requires more than superb technique and artistry: Success also requires entrepreneurial savvy, strong communication skills, fluency with emerging technologies, commitment to audience education, and public advocacy for music and the arts. More important, the future health and growth of our musical culture relies on the energy and imagination of the next generation of musicians and artists. The fundamental goals of the ALP are to inspire students with a personal vision, to equip them with the professional skills and experience that will allow them to take charge of their career prospects, and to encourage them to provide leadership in the musical culture and marketplace.

## ALP CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

All Eastman students can take advantage of the ALP, but access to certain program components require that students apply for and be accepted into the Arts Leadership Certificate Program.

### **All Eastman students may:**

- Take courses in the Arts Leadership Curriculum (ALC); courses typically are restricted to 15 students
- Attend large guest speaker events
- Obtain internship counseling and career counseling through Eastman's [Office of Careers and Professional Development](#)

### **Certificate program candidates also benefit from:**

- Comprehensive participation in ALP offerings
- Pre-registration privileges for Arts Leadership courses, virtually guaranteeing enrollment
- Personal, regularly scheduled curriculum, internship, and/or career advising sessions
- Access to paid, for-credit local internship opportunities during the final year of study
- Access to paid, post-graduation, and summer externships
- Eligibility for Special Opportunity Grants to support musical/entrepreneurial projects
- Meetings with inspiring guest speakers and other special ALP guests
- Alumni access to retreats, advising, networking, and career resources
- Recognition on transcript and at graduation as an Arts Leadership Certificate Program graduate

**Eligibility:** The Arts Leadership Graduate Certificate Program is open to all graduate students, but is designed particularly for MM and DMA students. They must participate for 3-4 semesters and must be enrolled full-time in a degree program at the Eastman School of Music.

**Applying:** Students who wish to participate in an ALP certificate program must be a full time student, have a strong academic record, provide evidence of past leadership, and demonstrate an awareness of the challenges and opportunities facing professional musicians and artists. The application requests a résumé, completion of three short essays and a faculty recommendation. All finalists undergo a personal interview before they are accepted.

For more information go to <http://www.esm.rochester.edu/iml/alp/overview.php>

## **What students are saying about the Arts Leadership Program:**

“The ALP program is an excellent program in that it teaches balance and time management between the performing aspect of a musician's career and the other logistical and more "marketing" oriented aspects. In my opinion it is actually impossible to have a well-rounded career without attention to such things as entrepreneurship in music and other things that the Arts Leadership Program emphasizes.”

"Eastman has surveyed both alumni and current students and there is no doubt that an overwhelming majority believe that career and entrepreneurship skills are vital to their success as musicians. The Arts Leadership program is a pioneering program aimed at giving students the tools they need to further their professional career."

“The Arts Leadership Program offers events, grant opportunities and academic classes (tuition-free for grad students) to better prepare you for the constantly changing dynamics in the music world today. Class topics include entrepreneurship in music, leadership, grant-writing, audition, interview and career skills, digital portfolio creation, among others. I have learned so much from these classes and my teachers and would strongly recommend that you take advantage of at least one ALP class during your time at Eastman.”