

## Onward to Eastman Weekend!



Russell Scarbrough

For a busy musician, two years seem to fly by in the time it takes to count out an eight-bar rest. Ten years is but a movement of life, yet there's hardly a moment available to mark all the accomplishments. On to the next piece, the next semester, the next gig.

The time is rapidly approaching to celebrate Eastman Weekend. We invite all of our Eastman friends, students, parents, faculty, and staff, and especially, our hard-working and prodigious alumni, to reunite for a weekend of memories, family, and music. The School will inaugurate its beautiful new Craighead-Saunders Organ (as part of the Eastman Rochester Organ Initiative Festival, running concurrently), while looking forward to the completion of the Eastman Theatre renovation/expansion. Broadway's Charles Strouse ('47), as well as former faculty members Wayne Barlow ('34, '37) and Samuel Adler, will be honored.

Jazz musician Dave Brubeck, who has brought his music to the stage of Eastman Theatre many times, will return here to receive an honorary degree from the University of Rochester. And of course, the Eastman Wind Ensemble and Philharmonia will be featured there on Saturday evening.

The classes of 1957 and 1958 celebrate their 50th reunions this fall, and will continue the tradition of receiving commemorative medallions, personally awarded by University of Rochester President Joel Seligman and Eastman School Dean Douglas Lowry. In order to include all graduates who have reached 50+ years beyond their graduation, all alumni from the classes of 1952 and earlier will also receive medallions.

This year is the first time that Eastman Weekend occurs in tandem with the University of Rochester's Meliora Weekend. That means that all the extraordinary happenings on the River Campus are open to Eastman guests as well. Look for the Eastman Weekend/Meliora Weekend registration booklet in your mailbox soon. I look forward to personally meeting you all at this extraordinary weekend. See you then!

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Russell Scarbrough". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light-colored background.

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