



May 2009

TO: All New String Students
FROM: The Eastman School of Music Conducting and Ensembles Department
RE: Fall 2009 String Auditions (Monday, August 31 – Thursday, September 3)

Welcome to Eastman! We are looking forward to meeting you and working with you in our large performing ensembles. As a string player, your participation in large ensembles will exist primarily in the orchestras. Some wind ensemble repertoire as well as works by contemporary composers, performed by our contemporary music ensemble, *Musica Nova*, will call for strings as well. Your audition in early September will permit you to participate in any of the large instrumental ensembles depending on the repertoire. Sign-up sheets for audition times will be posted outside of the Ensemble Library (OSL 201) upon your arrival in the fall.

Our concert schedule for 2009-10 academic year will be posted by mid June at www.esm.rochester.edu/ensembles/rcsched.html. Please note that the concert dates should not change but there may be some changes in repertoire before we begin the school year.

Orchestral ensembles at Eastman:

Eastman School Symphony Orchestra (ESSO)
Philharmonia (PHIL)
Philharmonia Chamber Orchestra (PCO)

1st & 2nd year undergraduate students should register for Large Ensemble, Course #100
3rd & 4th year undergraduate students should register for Advanced Large Ensemble, Course #200
Graduate students should register for Graduate Ensemble, Course #400

Conductors:

Neil Varon, Mark Davis Scatterday, Benton Hess, William Weinert, Brad Lubman

Concert Dress:

Women: Black ankle-length dress with long sleeves and round neckline, or skirt or dress slacks with long-sleeved blouse or shirt with round neckline will be accepted concert dress. Black stockings and black dress shoes are also required. (*Please avoid open-toed shoes*)
Men: Black tuxedo with tails, white vest, white bow tie, black shoes and socks. Please make arrangements to have the appropriate concert attire in time for the first Fall concerts.

Ensemble Handbook:

The handbook, providing guidelines for rehearsal and concert behavior, will be distributed upon your arrival in the fall and is also available on our website above as a PDF file.

If you have any questions, please contact:

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