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To friends of **Eastman To Go**:

My name is Mark Kellogg and I am Associate Professor of Trombone, Euphonium and Brass Chamber Music at the Eastman School of Music. I also have the good fortune to serve as the director of Eastman's community engagement initiative called **Eastman To Go**. Currently in its third year, **ETG** is a retooling of the program formerly known as Music For All. The chamber music faculty is excited by our changes to this community engagement aspect of our curriculum and I am happy to tell you more about it!

Providing performance experiences throughout the Rochester area has been an important part of Eastman's chamber music program for over twenty years. The Music For All program enabled our students to forge relationships with schools and community venues across our region and gave them opportunities to share their passion with a broader audience. For that opportunity, we are most grateful.

Eastman To Go provides up to fifteen chamber groups of various genres with the chance to play at one school venue and one community venue during the spring semester of the school year. These fifteen groups are chosen through a competitive audition process with each ensemble receiving special training on how to connect with audiences in a meaningful way.

Our goal is to help our students have a deeper and broader experience in the way they prepare for these events and with the way they interact with your communities. By having select ensembles participating in the program, the Eastman chamber music faculty are able to give more hands-on help with group presentations and guide each group's ability to deliver the best product possible.

We want to invite you, as a community partner, to be considered as a host venue for our Spring 2020 concerts. Simply fill out this **Eastman To Go** application, and return it to our Program Assistant, Vicky Hoover (vhoover@esm.rochester.edu) by **December 13, 2019**. We will do our best to accommodate as many venues as possible.

We look forward to our future collaborations!

With sincere thanks,

Mark Kellogg
Director, **Eastman To Go**