

FACULTY ARTIST SERIES

THE MUSIC OF CHUCK MANGIONE

BOB SNEIDER,
JAZZ GUITAR
PAUL HOFMANN,
ECMS JAZZ PIANO

Sunday, February 22, 2026
Hatch Recital Hall
3:30 PM



Eastman School of Music

PROGRAM

As Long as We're Together

Chuck Mangione
(1940-2025)

Spring Fever

Recuerdo

Between Races

Land Of Make Believe

Doin' Everything With You

Theme From "Side Street"

Listen To The Wind

Feels So Good

Children Of Sanchez

B'Bye

Hill Where The Lord Hides

Bob Sneider, jazz guitar
Paul Hofmann, jazz piano

PROGRAM NOTES

Chuck Mangione is an important figure in jazz history as Flugelhorn Player (and trumpet), composer, and bandleader. Chuck grew up in Rochester, NY, graduated from Benjamin Franklin High School, and received a Bachelor's Degree in Music from the Eastman School of Music, where he later went on to become the Eastman Jazz Ensemble Director and key player in establishing Eastman's Jazz Program as we know it today (with a strong focus on composing/arranging/jazz improvisation). Chuck later received an honorary doctorate from Eastman and the University of Rochester.



His career as an internationally acclaimed recording artist, flugelhorn player, and composer began as a teenager in collaboration with his brother, Gap, when they formed the Jazz Brothers. This early foundation laid the groundwork for a remarkable 60-year career that would see him record over 30 albums, and be nominated for 14 Grammy Awards, winning twice.

Chuck's love affair with music has been characterized by his boundless energy, unabashed enthusiasm, and pure joy that radiated from the stage. His appreciation for his loyal worldwide fans was genuine as evidenced by how often he would sit at the edge of the stage after a concert no matter how long it took to sign autographs for the fans who stayed to meet him and the band.

His generosity, humility, and commitment to giving back were clearly seen through events like "Tarantella", a star-studded benefit fundraiser concert in 1980 for Italian Earthquake Relief which included performances by lifelong friends Dizzy Gillespie (whom Chuck referred to as his "musical father"), Chick Corea, and Steve Gadd. Chuck inspired the next generation of musicians, often performing using high school bands as his orchestra or scheduling children's matinee concerts where kids in the audience would bring their instruments and come up on stage with him.

The beauty of Mangione's melodies is truly remarkable and his music is beloved by countless people worldwide.

MEET THE ARTISTS

Before joining the Eastman faculty in 1997, guitarist **Bob Sneider** (a graduate of the University of Rochester) toured for several years with Chuck Mangione. Bob has since performed in concert halls and jazz festivals throughout the world. Growing up in Brockton, MA, Sneider's mentor and teacher was Chet Kruley, a veteran of the Fletcher Henderson and Nat Pierce bands. Sneider frequently appears with the Rochester Philharmonic Pops, Buffalo Philharmonic, and Chautauqua Symphony playing both guitar and banjo. www.bobsneider.net for more detailed information on Bob.



Paul Hofmann was born in Buffalo, NY. His parents were Paul's first piano teachers, and he went on to study at Eastman where since 2002 Hofmann joined the Eastman Community Music School faculty teaching composition and jazz piano. Paul has numbered among his students some of today's best young musicians. Apart from teaching, Hofmann has performed and recorded with many of the finest artists, from baritone Robert Merrill to jazz vocalist Kevin Mahogany.



For decades Bob and Paul have carved out important time for their guitar-piano duo, culminating in 3 acclaimed recordings: *Interconnection* and *Escapade* (both Sons of Sound) and *Serve and Volley* (Origin Records). The duo will have more exciting performances Summer 2026 and beyond.



We acknowledge with respect the Seneca Nation, known as the "Great Hill People" and "Keepers of the Western Door" of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy. We take this opportunity to thank the people whose ancestral lands the Eastman School of Music of the University of Rochester currently occupies in Rochester, New York.

UPCOMING EASTMAN PRESENTS CONCERTS

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YooJin Jang, violin & Alexander Kobrin, piano

Tuesday, February 24, 2026 at 7:30 PM

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Alison d'Amato, piano

Wednesday, February 25, 2026 at 7:30 PM

Hatch Recital Hall

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Juliana Athayde, violin

Sunday, March 1, 2026 at 7:30 PM

Kilbourn Hall

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Steven Doane, cello

Friday, March 6, 2026 at 7:30 PM

Hatch Recital Hall

UPCOMING EASTMAN ENSEMBLE CONCERTS

Composers Sinfonietta

Wednesday, February 25, 2026 at 7:30 PM

Kilbourn Hall

Eastman Wind Ensemble

Friday, February 27, 2026 at 7:30 PM

Kodak Hall at Eastman Theatre

Eastman Chorale

Sunday, March 1, 2026 at 3:30 PM

Kilbourn Hall



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