

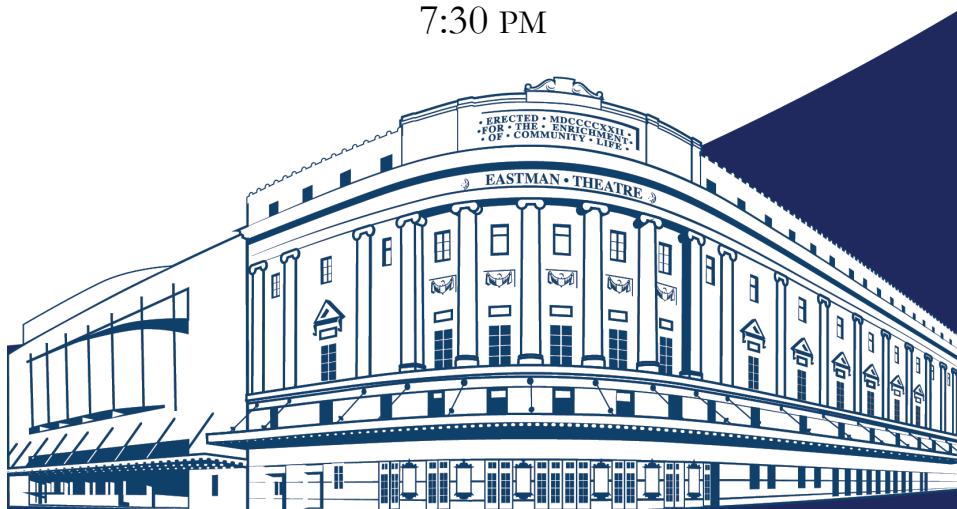
# EASTMAN HORN CHOIR

*HAPPY BIRTHDAY, USA!*

SEMI-QUINCENTENNIAL SONORITIES:  
A PROGRAM OF MUSIC BY AMERICAN COMPOSERS

W. PETER KURAU, DIRECTOR  
ALICEYN COVINGTON AND WESLEY NANCE,  
GUEST CONDUCTORS

Monday, April 13, 2026  
Kilbourn Hall  
7:30 PM



Eastman School of Music

## PROGRAM

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**Variations on “America”**

Charles Ives  
(1874-1954)  
arr. Jack Finlay

**Big Sky Country** (2015)

Daniel Baldwin  
(b. 1978)

**The Valley of Fire** from *High Desert Octet* (2002)

Eric Ewazen  
(b. 1954)

**O’ Man River** (1927)

Jerome Kern  
(1885-1945)  
arr. Jacob Factor

Aliceyn Covington, conductor

**Two Beats!** (2003)

Wesley Nance  
(b. 1969)

### SENIOR AND SOPHOMORE HORN CLASSES

Wesley Nance, conductor

### INTERMISSION

**Hoedown** from *Quartet No. 2*  
*for Four Horns (“Americana”)*

Kerry Turner  
(b. 1960)

### EARTH, WIND, AND GEYER QUARTET

Lilah Costanzo, Miles Woods, Jackson Cadengo, John Wellman

# PROGRAM

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**Shenandoah**

Traditional  
arr. Steven Mahpar

## GRADUATE HORN CLASS

Evelyn Hupka, Emily Groenenboom, Nick Culver,  
Graham Ulery, Nicole Keller

**Chester Variations**

Traditional  
arr. David Archibald

## 1ST-YEAR AND SOPHOMORE HORN CLASSES

Aliceyn Covington, conductor

## A TRIBUTE TO LOWELL “SPIKE” SHAW

**Bipperie No. 16 (“Sassy, with lots of drive”)**

Lowell Shaw  
(1930-2025)

Maggie Eidel and Allen Reddick

**Tripperie No. 2 (“Funky”)**

## MILES BELOW HORN TRIO

Sam Wood, Andrew Foster, Diego Solis

**Fripperie No. 15 (“Some Things Borrowed”)**

## FOURTE!

Jennelle Williams, Danica Tuohy, Mary Kimble, Aby Stumpf

## **PROGRAM**

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### **Quipperie No. 2 (“Slow Ballad”)**

#### **SOPHOMORE HORN CLASS**

Nick Grey, Jackson Cadengo, Seth Corlew, Kasey Gibbons,  
Aidan Christensen

### **A Corni March**

#### **JUNIOR HORN CLASS**

Sam Wood, Andrew Foster, Miles Woods, Lilah Costanzo,  
John Wellmann, Diego Solis

### **Calls to the Colors: A Medley of Patriotic Songs**

David Archibald

## PERSONNEL

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### EASTMAN HORN CHOIR

W. Peter Kurau, director

Aliceyn Covington and Wesley Nance, guest conductors

Jackson Cadengo	Abbey Jemison
Amelia Caruk	Hyejin Suzie Lee
Sarah Chou	Nicole Keller
Seth Corlew	Mary Kimble
Lilah Costanzo	Aidan Knoch
Aliceyn Covington	Allen Reddick
Aidan Christensen	Aliza Small
Nick Culver	Diego Solis
Maggie Eidel	Aby Stumpf
Jacob Factor	Delaney Sutherland
Andrew Foster	Danica Tuohy
Aaron Fulton	Graham Ulery
Alex Gagne	John Wellmann
Kasey Gibbons	Jennelle Williams
Nicholas Grey	Sam Wood
Emily Groenenboom	Miles Woods
Evelyn Hupka	Zirui Claire Zhao

## MEET THE ARTISTS

The **Eastman Horn Choir** was founded in 1968 by Verne Reynolds, Professor Emeritus of Horn at the Eastman School of Music, who served as its director until his retirement in 1995. From its inception, the Choir's mission has been threefold: to provide an expanded ensemble experience for the horn students; to acquaint them (through transcriptions) of the breadth of quality repertoire (with a particular emphasis on the glorious vocal music of the German and Italian Renaissance) within our musical culture; and to encourage contemporary composers to create original works for multiple horns. In addition to compositions and commissions by such notable composers as Samuel Adler, Jeff Tyzik, John Cheetham, David Diamond, James Willey, Daniel Baldwin, Pamela Marshall, and Jennifer Bellor, the Choir's repertoire in recent years has expanded to include transcriptions from the classical, romantic, and modern eras. Many of these transcriptions are the product of the creativity and entrepreneurship of current members and alumni of the horn studio.

The Choir has been featured on the "Eastman at Washington Square," "Music at St. Andrew's," and "Music at St. John" series, on the annual Brass Cavalcade during Meliora Weekend, and on a biennial tribute to St. Hubert (patron saint of the hunt, from which the horn derives much of its repertoire) in a formal concert in the Eastman Theatre. In addition, the Choir is honored to be featured in an annual holiday concert on "Live from Hochstein" (broadcast live on *WXXI-FM 91.5*, a *National Public Radio* affiliate.)

In 2002, the Choir was a featured ensemble (the only collegiate choir in the world so honored) at the 34th International Horn Symposium held in Lahti, Finland, where it presented three performances to critical and popular acclaim. As a result of its successes there, the Choir was invited to present three performances at the 36th International Horn Symposium, held in July 2004 in Valencia, Spain.

The 34 students within the Choir are enrolled as applied horn students at the Eastman School, and are pursuing collectively 5 various degrees and majors, and range from undergraduate students to doctoral students. Geographically diverse, they represent 14 different states, and 4 countries at present (2026).

*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 SERIES CONCERTS

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Tickets for all series concerts can be purchased at [EastmanTheatre.org](https://EastmanTheatre.org)

### FACULTY ARTIST SERIES

#### **Tony Caramia, piano**

Thursday, April 23, 2026 at 7:30 PM

Hatch Recital Hall

### EASTMAN PRESENTS – BARBARA B. SMITH WORLD MUSIC SERIES

#### **Gamelan**

Monday, April 27, 2026 at 7:30 PM

Kilbourn Hall

### EASTMAN PRESENTS – KILBOURN CONCERT SERIES

#### **Camerata RCO**

Thursday, April 30, 2026 at 7:30 PM

Kilbourn Hall

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## UPCOMING STUDENT ENSEMBLE CONCERTS

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All student performances are free unless otherwise noted.

#### **Repertory Singers & Treble Chorus**

Sunday, April 19, 2026 at 7:30 PM

Kilbourn Hall

#### **Eastman Wind Orchestra**

Monday, April 20, 2026 at 7:30 PM

Kodak Hall at Eastman Theatre

#### **Eastman School Symphony Orchestra**

Wednesday, April 22, 2026 at 7:30 PM

Kodak Hall at Eastman Theatre

#### **Links Scholarship Concert**

Sunday, April 26, 2026 at 3:30 PM

Kilbourn Hall



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