

EASTMAN SUMMER SERIES

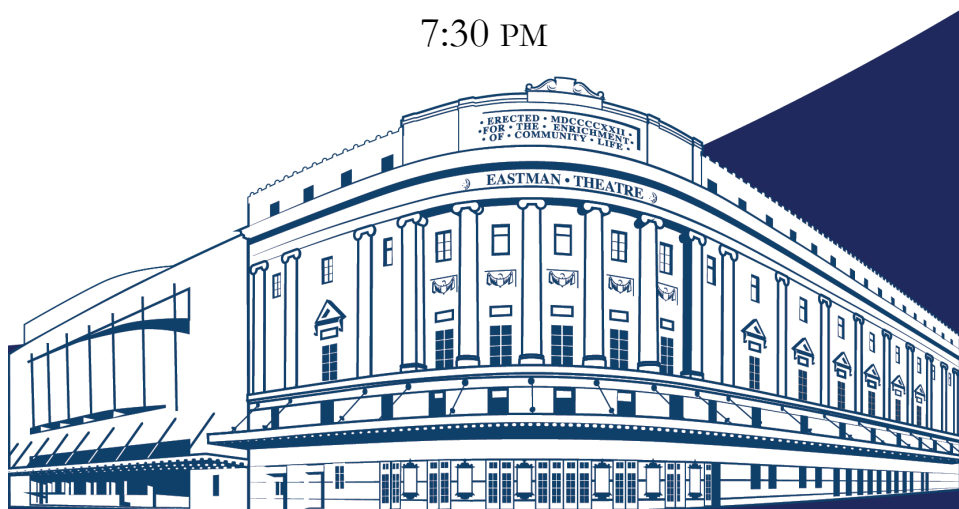
THE MUSIC OF BRIAN WILSON

BOB SNEIDER, JAZZ GUITAR
PAUL HOFMANN, JAZZ PIANO

Wednesday, July 8, 2026

Hatch Recital Hall

7:30 PM



Eastman School of Music

PROGRAM

Early Beach Boys music

Don't Worry Baby	Brian Wilson, Roger Christian
Surfer Girl	Brian Wilson
In My Room	Brian Wilson, Gary Usher

Selections from "*Pet Sounds*"

Wouldn't It Be Nice	Brian Wilson, Tony Asher, Mike Love
Don't Talk (Put Your Head On My Shoulder)	Brian Wilson, Tony Asher
God Only Knows	Brian Wilson, Tony Asher
Caroline, No	Brian Wilson, Tony Asher

Selections from "*SMiLE*"

Our Prayer	Brian Wilson
Surf's Up	Brian Wilson, Van Dyke Parks
Vega-Tables	Brian Wilson, Van Dyke Parks
Good Vibrations	Brian Wilson, Tony Asher, Mike Love

Later Beach Boys music

'Til I Die	Brian Wilson
Solar System	Brian Wilson
Sail On, Sailor	Brian Wilson, Van Dyke Parks, Tandy Almer, Ray Kennedy, Jack Rieley
The Private Life of Bill and Sue	Brian Wilson, Joe Thomas

ABOUT BRIAN WILSON

In his early 20s, Brian Wilson (1942-2025) became a household name as the leader of America's most popular singing group, The Beach Boys. In short order, Wilson's innovative composing, arranging and producing revolutionized popular music with 1966's landmark album "Pet Sounds" and, though unreleased in complete form for many decades, the astonishing "SMiLE" album. The love and respect Brian received from the musical community at large (as well as from millions of Beach Boys fans) was as noteworthy as his brilliant music.

Love for Brian

*I can't tell you what I've found, but the words inside a sound tell their tale to me.
As the tide returns to land, so also must return to sand things that we have made.
All begins without a sound 'til a melody is found.
Every path must find its end, but let the music be a friend as it has for me.
It flows and wanders on where it can be.*

- Joe Connorton

MEET THE ARTISTS

For several decades, Bob and Paul have carved out important time for their guitar/piano duo, performing unique ‘theme concerts’ and culminating in 3 acclaimed recordings: “Interconnection” and “Escapade” (both Sons of Sound) and “Serve and Volley” (Origin Records).

Bob Sneider (Eastman School of Music, Associate Professor, Jazz Guitar / Senior Instructor, Eastman Community Music School). Before joining the Eastman faculty in late 1997, Sneider toured for several years with two-time Grammy Award winner Chuck Mangione. Bob has performed with countless notable performers and frequently plays with the RPO and the Chautauqua Symphony. Sneider has performed in major festivals, concert halls, and jazz clubs throughout South America, Central America, North America, and Europe. Bob is a graduate of the University of Rochester, where he studied with Bill Dobbins and Ramon Ricker. Growing up in Brockton, MA, Sneider’s mentor and teacher was Chet Kruley, a veteran of the Fletcher Henderson and Nat Pierce bands.

Paul Hofmann (Eastman Community Music School Senior Instructor, Composition and Jazz Piano) Undergraduate study at Eastman; then active as a composer, arranger, pianist, teacher, producer and music columnist; numerous performances, recordings, television and radio appearances with major American jazz artists; owner of MHR Records. Hofmann was born in Buffalo, NY. His parents were Paul’s first piano teachers, and he went on to study at Eastman, where Hofmann has been on the Community School faculty since 2002. Paul has numbered among his students some of today’s best young musicians. Apart from teaching, Hofmann often performs with the RPO and has performed and recorded with many of the finest artists from baritone Robert Merrill to jazz vocalist Kevin Mahogany.

UPCOMING EASTMAN SUMMER CONCERTS

All summer performances are free unless otherwise noted.

SUMMER FACULTY RECITAL

The Studio of Kyle Peters, percussion

Hatch Recital Hall

Thursday, July 9, 2026 at 6:30 PM

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Saxophone Faculty Recital

Hatch Recital Hall

Sunday, July 12, 2026 at 3:30 PM

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Tuba and Euphonium Faculty Recital

Kilbourn Hall

Sunday, July 12, 2026 at 7:30 PM

Eastman Summer Sings! - Mozart Requiem

Kilbourn Hall

Tuesday, July 14, 2026 at 7:30 PM

EASTMAN SUMMER SERIES

Trombone Faculty Recital

Kilbourn Hall

Monday, July 20, 2026 at 7:30 PM



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