

**Eastman School of Music**  
**Conducting Masterclass: Fall 2022**  
**Holst – The Planets**

**DATES:** October 14-16, 2022

**LOCATION:** Eastman School of Music, Rochester, New York

**EVENT DESCRIPTION:** Participants will have the opportunity to conduct Eastman’s premiere orchestra, Eastman Philharmonia, playing Gustav Holst *The Planets*. 6 conductors will be chosen to participate in the masterclass, each conductor having a total of 40 minutes of podium time. Additional discussion sessions will include guidance on producing a marketable CV and audition video. A follow-up assessment session with Neil Varon complete the weekend’s activities.

**FACULTY:** **Neil Varon**, director of Orchestral Studies, Eastman School of Music

**Henry Fogel**, Dean Emeritus and Distinguished Professor of the Arts of the Chicago College of Performing Arts at Roosevelt University, has a long and varied career in music administration. He served as President and CEO of the League of American Orchestras from 2003-2008, receiving the organization’s highest honor, the Gold Baton Award, in 2009. As President of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra from 1985-2003 he oversaw the renovation of Orchestra Hall and dramatically increased the Orchestra’s endowment. Mr. Fogel has served on many orchestra boards overseeing music director searches. This depth of experience provides him with insight and wisdom into the role of an effective music director. His advice in the areas of orchestra management and community engagement is equally sought after.

**MASTERCLASS SCHEDULE**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>DETAILS</b>
Friday, October 14	10:00am	Meet and Greet with Professor Varon
	11:00am – 1:00pm	Participants will meet with Neil Varon to discuss the featured repertoire
	1:45-3:25pm	Discussion session with Henry Fogel
	3:45-5:25pm	Attend and observe Philharmonia rehearsal
	5:25-6:00pm	Discussion following afternoon rehearsal
Saturday, October 15	10:00am-12:30pm	Participants will work with Philharmonia, coached by Neil Varon
	Afternoon, tbd	Individual follow-up assessment sessions with Neil Varon
	Afternoon, tbd	Discussion session with Henry Fogel
Sunday, October 16	10:00am-12:30pm	Participants will work with Philharmonia, coached by Neil Varon
	12:30-1:30pm	Lunch with Neil Varon and Philharmonia members
	Afternoon, tbd	Individual follow-up assessment sessions with Neil Varon

**APPLICATION:** Mail or email cover letter, resume, and DVD and/or video link (featuring standard orchestral repertoire) to:

**Eastman School of Music**  
Conducting Masterclass, Fall 2022  
Attn: Meredith Gangler, Ensemble Operations Manager  
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585-274-1447

**TUITION:** \$1,500

**DEADLINE:** Applications must be received by **Friday, September 2**. All applicants will be notified of their status by **Friday, September 16**.