

## **NEW HORIZONS BAND 2001-2002**

*Learn to play music in a band as an adult  
-- even if you have no musical experience!*

### **What is New Horizons?**

The New Horizons Band is a program of the Community Education Division of the Eastman School of Music. The first New Horizons Band was started by Professor Roy Ernst at the Eastman School in 1991. The concept was and is that interested persons of any age can learn to play a musical instrument. As the word spread through publication articles, television specials, and conferences based on the New Horizons concept, similar groups have been formed across the United States as well as in Canada and Australia. There are now more than 60 New Horizons Bands in the U.S and Canada.

The Eastman New Horizons Band provides the opportunity for adults to learn to play a wind or percussion instrument and enjoy playing in a concert band and small ensembles. No previous background in music is necessary, but you are welcome to participate if you already play a musical instrument.

Instruction is provided by Eastman School students and music faculty. This is a continuing program with classes offered during the fall and spring semesters each year.

As a member of the New Horizons Band, you will meet new friends and work with them as a team to learn music for concerts and other performances in the community. New Horizons ensembles typically perform each year in venues ranging from formal concerts to shopping malls to parks to retirement and nursing homes.

### **Where and When:**

An informational meeting for potential new members will be held on **Wednesday, September 12, 2001** from **9:30-10:30 AM** in **Room 209** of the Eastman School of Music, 26 Gibbs Street, Rochester, NY. The band directors will be available to describe the program and answer any questions you may have.

The regular meeting place for the band is the **First Unitarian Church** at **220 Winton Road South**. At select times during the year, part of the group will meet at **Temple Beth El, 139 Winton Road South** just across Winton Road from the Unitarian Church.

Rehearsals and classes for the **Fall Semester** begin **September 24, 2001** and end **January 17, 2002**. Holiday breaks will be **November 19-23** and **December 24 - January 4**.

Rehearsals and classes for the **Spring Semester** begin **January 22, 2002** and end **May 23, 2002**. Winter break will be **February 18-22**, and holiday break will be **March 25 - April 5**.

### **Where and When (continued)**

Regular rehearsals and instruction for members who are new to their instrument or who are returning to an instrument after an extended time (this group is affectionately called the **Green Band**) are scheduled for **Wednesday mornings from 9:00-11:00 AM**.

Rehearsals and instruction for more experienced members are scheduled for **Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9:00-11:00 AM**.

In addition to regular band sessions, coached ensembles meet during the **11:00-Noon** timeframe: **wind ensemble on Tuesday, dance band and clarinet ensemble on Thursday**.

### **Cost**

Tuition is \$100 per semester plus \$5 registration fee. Coached ensembles are each \$25 per semester. Optional individual lessons are available through the Community Education Division. Members are responsible for providing their instrument, music stand, and, for Green Band members, instruction books.

### **Choosing an Instrument**

- Relearn to play the instrument you played earlier in life.
- Choose an instrument that has the sound or appearance that you like.
- Check with the director to see which instruments are needed in the band.

### **Obtaining an Instrument**

- Use your own if you already have one available; be sure to have it checked to ensure that it is in excellent working condition.
- Rent an instrument. Music dealers rent instruments at reasonable monthly fees which allows you to change instruments if you change your mind.
- Buy an instrument once you are certain of the instrument you'd like to play.

### **Playing Music**

Playing music in an ensemble is a special joy which will help you maintain good mental and physical health. Playing music from the past keeps us in touch with those feelings; daily practice keeps us active in the present; striving for new goals attaches us to the future. Making music is serious fun.

### **For More Information**

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