

# Community Education

at the Eastman School of Music



## NEW HORIZONS ORCHESTRA

*Learn to play music in an orchestra as a senior adult — even if you have no musical experience!*

### What is New Horizons?

The New Horizons Orchestra is a program of the Community Education Division of the Eastman School of Music. The first New Horizons group was a band started by Professor Roy Ernst at the Eastman School of Music in 1991. The word spread through articles in publications such as *The New York Times* and a feature spot on the *NBC Today Show*. There are now more than 30 New Horizons groups in the United States, with many more in the planning phase.

The first New Horizons Orchestra began right here in Rochester in 1998. We currently are a string orchestra, developing toward a chamber orchestra and eventually a full orchestra. The Blue Orchestra is directed by Kyle Butlman, who also teaches violin, viola, and chamber music at Roberts Wesleyan College, in addition to performing chamber music and running SCOR!, a summer music camp for adults. Robert Gardner, who also directs the youth orchestras at Hochstein and teaches in the Penfield Schools, leads the Green Orchestra. We are a "work-in-progress" and would enjoy your company as we develop our talents to spread good music and much joy throughout the Rochester community.

### Learn to play music!

Playing music can help you maintain mental and physical health; it is productive and serious fun. As a member of the New Horizons Orchestra, you can meet new friends and work with them as a team to learn music for concerts and other performances in the community. We perform formal concerts, and in venues such as shopping malls, schools, retirement and nursing homes.

Whether you play an instrument now, played in schools years ago, or never have played, you have advantages as an adult that will help you learn music. Most adults are motivated, self-disciplined, and have more time to practice than their younger counterparts. To help you improve quickly, small group lessons are an optional part of the program for an additional fee. If you attend lessons and practice, you'll be playing music before you know it. From then on, it's even more fun to play with others in chamber music groups and orchestra. In a recent study, nearly everyone who participated in a New Horizons group felt that their accomplishments met or exceeded their expectations.

### How do I choose an instrument?

- Re-learn to play the instrument that you played earlier in life.

- Choose an instrument that has a sound or look that you like.
- Check with the director to see which instrument is needed in the orchestra.

### How do I obtain an instrument?

*Use your own.* If you already have an instrument or if you'll be using an instrument that your children left behind, be sure to take it into a string repair shop to make sure that it is in excellent working condition. You will become frustrated if you try to learn on an instrument that no one can play.

*Rent one.* Music dealers in the area rent instruments for a very reasonable monthly fee. Talk to your New Horizons teacher and check the yellow pages. In many cases, a music dealer is familiar with the New Horizons program and will understand your special needs.

*Buy one.* String instruments are available for purchase at various string shops. We recommend that you learn the basics on a particular instrument before making a purchase.

### How do I get started?

The first step in getting started is to call the Community Education Office at the Eastman School of Music (274-1400) for registration and any additional information you may need.

### Blue Strings:

If you already have an instrument and are reviving your skills, just come to one of our rehearsals to check us out. We meet every Tuesday and Thursday morning from 9-11 a.m. on the second floor of the First Unitarian Church, 220 Winton Road South. There are exceptions to our rehearsal schedule for holidays and breaks, so check with director Kyle Butlman first at 244-4962 or at [Music@OntarioEnsemble.com](mailto:Music@OntarioEnsemble.com).

### Green Strings:

If you are a beginner, we have a group especially for you at the same location on Wednesday mornings from 9-11 a.m. To confirm schedules, call Green Strings Director Robert Gardner at 442-2752.

### Fees:

\$115 per semester, plus \$5 registration fee;  
\$65 per semester for small group lessons on your instrument (4-6 people per group)

### For more information:

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