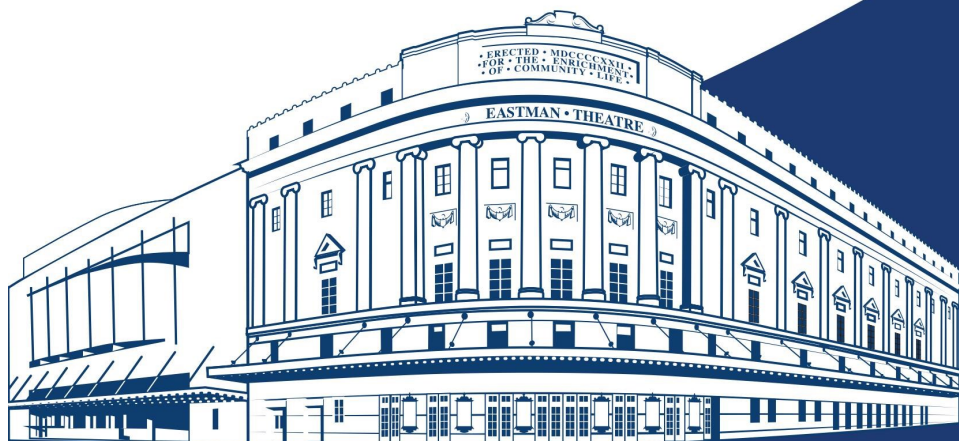


BLACK STUDENTS' UNION AT
EASTMAN PRESENTS

A BRIGHTER DAY

Monday, February 12, 2024
Kilbourn Hall
7:30 PM



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PROGRAM

An Ode to Our Times for Violin and Double Bass

Xavier Foley
(b. 1994)

Lauren Edwards, violin
Wynter McCray, bass

3 Lieder für Mezzosopran

I. Die Nacht
II. Morgendämmerung

Robert Owens
(1925-2017)

Nightsongs

I. Prayer

H. Leslie Adams
(b. 1932)

Kayla Sconiers, voice
Alison d'Amato, piano

Incantation and Dance

William Grant Still
(1895-1978)

Lauren Smith, oboe
Linda Boianova, piano

Romance

William Grant Still

Nathan Clarke, saxophone
Linda Boianova, piano

String Quartet No. 1

I. Allegro

George Walker
(1922-2018)

Alexander Diaz, violin
Lauren Edwards, violin
Arthur Nyanfor, viola
Abigail Hanna, cello

INTERMISSION

PROGRAM

I Can't Help It

Stevie Wonder
(b. 1950)

In a Mellow Tone

Duke Ellington
(1899-1974)

Daniel Mach-Holt, trombone
Lorenzo Monk, piano

Principal Brothers No. 2

I. Calm and Expressive
II. Soulful

James Lee III
(b. 1975)

Myles Meader, oboe

Oh, Freedom

Shawn Okpebholo
(b. 1981)

Holden Turner, baritone
Gregory Smith, piano

Fantasia No. 1 in G Minor for Violin and Piano

Florence Price
(1887-1953)
trans. Dykeem Cervantes

Dykeem Cervantes, saxophone
Vincent Li, piano

Traditional Hymn

arr. M. Jerome Bell

Brighter Day

Kirk Franklin
(b. 1970)

BSUE CHOIR

with

Nathan Clarke, saxophone
Daniel Mach-Holt, trombone
Cole Hannon, drums
M. Jerome Bell, piano

CHOIR PERSONNEL

Alexis Prescott, soprano
Nyla Thomas, soprano
Weverton Santos, soprano/alto/countertenor
Kayla Sconiers, alto
Lauren Smith, alto
Lauren Edwards, alto
Dykeem Cervantes, tenor
Alex Diaz, tenor
Miles Woods, tenor
Jarett Jean Jacques, tenor
Holden Turner, bass

PROGRAM NOTES

"The Black Students' Union at Eastman is a student-led organization founded in 2018. Since its inception, the club has strived to foster an environment where students of African descent feel empowered, informed, and valued while navigating their unique experiences in the world of classical music.

The Black Students' Union at Eastman has hosted a Black History Month showcase recital annually since the student organization was revived in 2018. The goal of this recital is to promote music by black composers while also showcasing the performance expertise of the black students who study at the Eastman School of Music.

Tonight's program is titled 'A Brighter Day.' This title references Kirk Franklin's song, "Brighter Day," which fosters a sense of rejuvenation in its listeners through uplifting lyrics and musical content. While Kirk Franklin's message is conveyed through gospel music, the underlying sentiment of a fresh sense of security and joy in life is universal. In times of growing uncertainty and conflict, we hope this recital can embody the ethos of the brighter days that lie ahead for us all."

— *Dykeem Cervantes*

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

Tickets for all series concerts can be purchased at EastmanTheatre.org

EASTMAN PRESENTS

La La Land in Concert

Kodak Hall at Eastman Theatre

Friday, February 16, 2024 at 7:30 PM

Revisit the 2016 Academy Award® winning film, *La La Land*, starring Ryan Gosling and Emma Stone, directed by Damien Chazelle (*Whiplash*), in a new, mesmerizing live concert experience. Performed by Empire Film & Media Ensemble and conducted by Mark Watters.

EASTMAN RANLET SERIES

Ying Quartet

Kilbourn Hall

Sunday, February 18, 2024 at 3:00 PM

The Ying Quartet occupies a position of unique prominence in the classical music world, combining communicative performances with a fearlessly imaginative view of chamber music in today's world. As quartet-in-residence at the Eastman School of Music, the ensemble performs three Eastman-Ranlet Series concerts during the season.

UPCOMING STUDENT ENSEMBLE CONCERTS

All student performances are free unless otherwise noted.

Eastman Jazz Ensemble

Kilbourn Hall

Tuesday, February 13, 2024 at 7:30 PM

Musica Nova

Wednesday, February 14, 2024 at 7:30 PM

Kodak Hall at Eastman Theatre

Music of Wu, Murail, Scelsi, and Lubman

Friends of Eastman Opera Competition

Kilbourn Hall

Friday, February 16, 2024 at 7:30 PM



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