

EASTMAN PRESENTS

LA LA LAND IN CONCERT

Friday, February 16, 2024
Kodak Hall at Eastman Theatre
7:30 PM



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SCHOOL OF MUSIC
UNIVERSITY of ROCHESTER

PROGRAM

“LA LA LAND”

Written and Directed by Damien Chazelle
Music by Justin Hurwitz
Lyrics by Banj Pasek and Justin Paul
Choreography by Mandy Moore

The Empire Film and Media Ensemble
Conducted by Mark Watters

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EMPIRE FILM AND MEDIA ENSEMBLE

Mark Watters, conductor

Brett Miller, artistic director

Alexander Day, orchestra manager

Violin I

Madeleine Nysetvold,
concertmaster
Emily Palmer
Elin Schlichting
Leila Fanien
Veronica Rokicki
Anatole Keshwani
Shisheng Song
Yan Yue

Violin II

Anne-Marie Wnek,
principal
Kellen Mikesell
Hannah Kim
Aviva Bock
Ellie Loya
Hyun Park

Viola

Rita Monahan, principal
Ally Keller
Hannah Esquivel
Jafrè Chase
Megan Wike
Anna Denfeld

Cello

Danny O'Connell, principal
Rafael Rock
Jacob Hinton
Matthew Weist
Juewen Zhang
Felix Kim

Bass

Wynter McCray, principal
Luke Black
Gregory Galand
Elizabeth Young

Flute

Alexander Lehmann
Dana Cryster
Alexander Day

Oboe

Ernest Chau
Vincent Chang
Alexis Wilson

Clarinet

Sophie Fears
Eliza Reimold
Alex Abreu

Bassoon

Kenny Ford
Adrian Wittmer

Saxophone

Mitch Danis
Sarah Navratil
Carter Bowman

Horn

Morgan Chalmers
Lea Helsel
Aliceyn Covington
Alina Liebschner

EMPIRE FILM AND MEDIA ENSEMBLE

Trumpet

Doug Herrin
Daniel Adamczyk
Aaron Oulette
Derek Gong
Kirk Morrison

Trombone

Benjamin Sneider
Madelyn Stoklosa
Ben Jorge

Tuba

Ethan Millington

Timpani

Fletcher Leonard

Percussion

Austin Keck
Sean McWilliams
Sammy DeAngelis

Guitar

Isaac Romagosa

Rhythm Bass

Oliver Gomez

Drum Set

Samuel Schaeffer

Piano

Dariusz Terefenko

Synth/Celeste

Jenna Tu

Harp

Catherine Caton
Lindsey Haukom

Chorus

Anna Bjerken
Abigail Liebegott
Rachel Singh
Arianna Pothluri
Andrea McGaugh
Karen Goldfeder
Daniel McNerny
Caleb Myerhoff
Paul David Flood
Elijah Gebers
Holden Turner
Peter Schoellkopff

Rehearsal Pianist

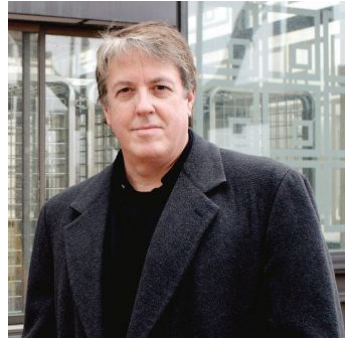
Alex Little

Empire Film and Media Operations Team

Danny O'Connell, production assistant
Austin Keck, marketing manager
Fletcher Leonard, assistant orchestra personnel manager

MEET THE CONDUCTOR

Mark Watters is a six-time Emmy Award winning composer and conductor whose diverse career spans over 400 television episodes, feature films, DVDs, video games, concert works and music for the theater.



He holds the distinct honor of having served as music director and featured composer for two Olympics. First, in 1996 for the Centennial Olympic Games in Atlanta and again in 2002 for the Salt Lake City Winter Olympics. For the '96 games, Mark composed the Emmy nominated song, *Faster, Higher, Stronger*. Performed by opera legend Jessye Norman and featuring lyrics by Grammy-nominated lyricist, Lorraine Feather, the song was the triumphant finale to the Opening Ceremonies. He has served as guest conductor for such orchestras as The Los Angeles Philharmonic, The Tokyo Philharmonic, The London Symphony, The Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra, The Detroit Symphony, The New York City Pops, The Baltimore Symphony and The Atlanta Symphony. In 2002, film score legend John Williams asked Mark to co-conduct the 74th Academy Awards.

In addition to his composing and conducting career, Mark is an associate professor at the famed Eastman School of Music where he heads the Media Composition curriculum and is the director of the Beal Institute for Film Music and Contemporary Media.

For more information, visit www.markwatters.com.

ABOUT EMPIRE FILM AND MEDIA ENSEMBLE

Established in 2013, the **Empire Film and Media Ensemble (EFaME)** is a non-profit organization that cultivates enthusiasm for film and media music through performance, production, and education at the highest level of excellence among diverse audiences.

EFaME has collaborated with various local arts organizations over the years, such as The Little Theatre, The George Eastman Museum, The Dryden Theater, One Take Film Festival, the Beal Institute for Film Music and Contemporary Music at the Eastman School of Music, UUU Art Collective, and Fringe Festival. The Empire Film and Media Ensemble has treasured its collaboration with the Eastman School of Music. This unique relationship between school and organization helps produce shows of the highest level for the Rochester community.

EFaME thanks the Eastman School of Music administration for its ongoing support and its help in advocating for our mission statement. If you would like to find any further information about the organization, you can check out our website [http:// www.empirefilmandmedia.com](http://www.empirefilmandmedia.com), or follow us on social media [@empirefilmandmediaensemble](https://www.instagram.com/empirefilmandmediaensemble)

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 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.

FACULTY ARTIST SERIES

Brock Tjosvold, piano

Kilbourn Hall

Monday, February 19, 2024 at 7:30 PM

FACULTY ARTIST SERIES

Charles Pillow, jazz saxophone

Hatch Recital Hall

Monday, February 19, 2024 at 7:30 PM

UPCOMING STUDENT ENSEMBLE CONCERTS

All student performances are free unless otherwise noted.

Repertory Singers and Treble Chorus

Kilbourn Hall

Sunday, February 18, 2024 at 7:30 PM

OSSIA

Kilbourn Hall

Tuesday, February 20, 2024 at 7:30 PM

Eastman New Jazz Ensemble

Kilbourn Hall

Wednesday, February 21, 2024 at 7:30 PM



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