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EASTMAN BEGINNINGS:
THE HOPES AND ASPIRATIONS
OF THE EARLY YEARS
Saturday, October 6 | 10 a.m. | Ray Wright Room
Join alumnus, Eastman professor, and historian Vincent Lenti ’60E, ’62E (MA) as he presents Eastman’s history in a new light.

CULTURAL AWARENESS &
DIVERSITY ON OUR CAMPUSES
Saturday, October 6 | 2 p.m. | Hatch Recital Hall
Jessica Guzman-Rea ’10W (EdD), director of the Burgett Intercultural Center, and fellow diversity and inclusion advocates, will facilitate a conversation about cultural diversity in higher education, its particular relevance in music schools, and the University-wide work of the center.
REUNIONS

40th, 50th, and Young Alumni Reunion Events, Friday, October 5 and Saturday, October 6

The classes of 1968 and 1978 will celebrate their Eastman reunions with events including a 50th reunion medallion ceremony, reunion luncheon, and a 1978 tour alumni dinner and Eastman Wind Ensemble special alumni concert. Are you a recent grad? There’s a Young Alumni happy hour for Eastman alumni who graduated between 2008 and 2018.

SPECIAL PERFORMANCES

Freshman Woodwind Quintet Recital
Saturday, October 6 | 10 a.m. | Hatch Recital Hall

Brass Cavalcade Concert
Saturday, October 6 | 1:30 p.m. | Kilbourn Hall

Eastman Wind Ensemble Concert with 1978 tour alumni guest performers
Saturday, October 6 | 8 p.m. | Kodak Hall
Join the Eastman community for lunch! Food trucks will be parked at the Gibbs Street parking lot outside Eastman for you to grab grub from the local Rochester food scene.

Open rehearsals are a fascinating opportunity to watch Eastman’s ensembles at work, and see how a piece of music is shaped and polished by the conductors and musicians.

Take a guided tour of Eastman’s newest spaces, learn the history of our iconic halls, and discover archival masterpieces and musical collections.

Begin your weekend at Eastman with showcase performances by current students, holiday sing-style. Special recognition will be given to Eastman alumni who are celebrating their 50th reunion.

Eastman alumni, parents, and friends are invited to kick off the weekend with conversation, cocktails, and hearty hors d’oeuvres.

Experience the Eastman jazz scene through a late-night jam session with special guests, Eastman faculty, and current students.

Enjoy a festive spread of food and drinks with Eastman classmates, friends, and family.
UNIVERSITY SYMPOSIUM WITH
RON CHERNOW

Friday, October 5 | 2 p.m.
Robert B. Goergen Athletic Center, Louis A. Alexander Palestra

Pulitzer Prize-winning and best-selling author Ron Chernow will deliver an address on his critically acclaimed biography, *Grant*, and sit down for a moderated conversation to discuss his writings and career. Chernow has written exceptional accounts of America’s most significant figures, including Alexander Hamilton, which inspired the mega-hit, Broadway sensation *Hamilton.*

Seat cushions available for attendees.

EASTMAN PRESENTS:
PINK MARTINI

Friday, October 5 | 8 p.m.
Kodak Hall at Eastman Theatre

Named “one of the world’s most elegant live bands” by *The Times (UK)*, Pink Martini crosses genres of classical, jazz, and old-fashioned pop. Experience this “little orchestra’s” musical magic for a night you’ll never forget.
KEYNOTE ADDRESS WITH
SOLEDAD O’BRIEN

Saturday, October 6 | 11 a.m.
Robert B. Goergen Athletic Center, Louis A. Alexander Palestra

Award-winning journalist for NBC and CNN, and now CEO of Starfish Media Group, Soledad O’Brien discusses the roles we each play within our communities and organizations and shares her own experiences drawn from her life and career. Seat cushions available for attendees.

FEATURING
NASIM PEDRAD

Saturday, October 6 | 9 p.m.
Robert B. Goergen Athletic Center, Louis A. Alexander Palestra

Nasim Pedrad, best known for her work on Saturday Night Live, will provide the laughs during an interactive comedy show. Her recent television credits include appearances on the Fox series New Girl, and the 2017 return of HBO’s comedy Curb Your Enthusiasm. Currently, she is filming Disney’s live-action remake of Aladdin, set to hit theaters in 2019. Seat cushions available for attendees.
ONE. MANY. ALL.

AT THE RIVER CAMPUS SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6

STATE OF THE UNIVERSITY ADDRESS
A CONVERSATION WITH PRESIDENT RICHARD FELDMAN
9:30 a.m. | Strong Auditorium

Hear the latest news and updates from the University’s president.

TALKING POLITICS WITH MICHAEL STEELE
1:30 p.m. | Strong Auditorium

When he was elected lieutenant governor of Maryland in 2003, Michael Steele made history as the first African American elected to statewide office. He made history again with his subsequent chairmanship of the Republican National Committee in 2009. Now, he serves as an exclusive senior political analyst for MSNBC and is a former contributor on the Fox News Channel and a guest on Meet the Press and Face the Nation among other news programs.

MILLER’S COURT
3:30 p.m. | Strong Auditorium

Noted attorney and broadcaster Arthur Miller ’56, ’08 (LLD) leads a lively panel discussion titled “Personal Privacy: Is It Dead in Our Digital Age?”
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REGISTER AND SAVE!
The Meliora Weekend pass (required for entry) is $15 and includes access to: Meliora Village, welcome BBQ, more than forty events, the food truck rally at Eastman, and musical performances on Friday and Saturday. Kids 8 and under are free all weekend.

After August 31, the Meliora Weekend pass is $25.

CHECK IN AT ANY ONE OF FOUR CAMPUS LOCATIONS.
Print your name tag, personal itinerary for the weekend, and pick up your free gift. It’s that easy.

IT’S ALL ONLINE
For all things ever better: rochester.edu/melioraweekend
Registration, full schedule, transportation, hotel information, babysitting services—and everything you’ll need to know before attending.

THE MELIORA WEEKEND APP
Find the latest news and event listings, see who’s attending, direct message your friends—and so much more! App available later this summer.

ACCOMMODATIONS
Book your stay with Meliora Weekend rates at local hotel partners now!