



Roy Ernst, Professor Emeritus at the Eastman School of Music of the University of Rochester, started the first New Horizons Band in 1991 at Eastman. He received grants over a period of several years from NAMM, The International Music Products Association. He took a two-year

leave from Eastman and started fifty New Horizons programs.

Dr. Ernst has written articles and books on music education, conducting, and performance. He is the co-author with Donald Hunsberger of *The Art of Conducting*.

Roy earned a PhD from The University of Michigan and has received honors from MENC, Delta Omicron, Wayne State University, The Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra, and The Eastman School of Music. He was recognized as a “Grand Master of Music Education” by the Music Teachers National Association (formerly

MENC). Roy was awarded an honorary doctorate from Western University in Ontario.

In addition to teaching at Eastman, he has taught at Livonia Public Schools in Michigan, Wayne State University, Georgia State University and The New South Wales Conservatorium of Music in Sydney, Australia. He started teaching in 1960 and has been teaching for 65 years.

Dr. Ernst's present work is starting bands for veterans to reduce the high suicide rate. The first two bands are in San Antonio, Texas and Columbia, South Carolina, see musicforvets.com.

His hobbies include learning to play new instruments, bike riding, walking, travel, and doing lots of dishes for his wife, Pat, a retired chef.