



Band Virtual Learning

8th Grade Percussion

April 23th, 2020



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Objective/Learning Target:

Band History: The Eastman Wind Ensemble

- Learn and understand why band “is the way it is.”
- Introduce important band literature and recordings



Warm Up Activity

Click on the link below to go to the current Eastman Wind Ensemble website

<https://www.esm.rochester.edu/ewe/>

What are three things you noticed from the website?



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1. The Eastman Wind Ensemble is a university band
2. It is part of the [Eastman School of Music](#) located at the [University of Rochester](#)
3. The Eastman Wind Ensemble is one of the best bands in the country and has an important history

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4. Take a listen to the Eastman Wind Ensemble from 1992

- [Festive Overture](#)

5. Bonus: watch them perform live!

- [Toccatina and Fugue](#)

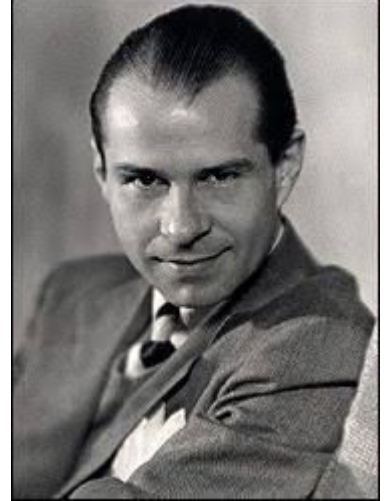
- Think about what you like and what you don't yet understand.

- Can you hear your instrument?

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Now let's look at some history:

Frederick Fennell established the Eastman Wind Ensemble in 1952. Doesn't he look cool?



He developed the modern concept of the concert band, similar to what we have today.



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Fennell also hired composers to write new music for band. Much of that new music became very important for band musicians.

In the 1950s Fennell and the Eastman Wind Ensemble started recording. These recordings were great and helped other musicians learn how to “do band”!

Activity

Listen to the Eastman Wind Ensemble performing “Lincolnshire Posey” by Percy Grainger.

- Listen to at least the first two movements (0:00-4:45 on the video)
- Answer the questions on the next slide.



Practice

1. What are two things you like about the recording?
2. Did you hear your own instrument? If not, listen again and try to hear your instrument (pro tip...you might use headphones to hear the music better).
3. Why is it important for *everyone* in the band to do their part?
4. What can you practice today to make yourself a better player and help the band be a better band?



Additional Resources

Check out more great recordings by the
Eastman Wind Ensemble

[Click here](#)