

ROCHESTER, NY; December 19, 2008 – **Michael Barone**, host of the nationally-syndicated radio program *Pipedreams*, will host and record a **weekend event** in Rochester of three concerts featuring **Eastman organ students and faculty** playing three of the city's finest organs and running the **musical gamut** from Bach's Leipzig to Gershwin's Tin Pan Alley. Concerts are on Friday, **February 13**, Saturday **February 14**, and Sunday **February 15**. All are **free and open to the public**.

Perhaps the greatest public face for the pipe organ in America, Barone has, for 25 years, been behind the microphone at *Pipedreams*, featuring performances of some of the world's greatest organists performing on some of the world's greatest organs. His wildly successful *Pipedreams Live!* concerts have a flavor **different from the usual organ recital**. Michael provides verbal program notes, converses with players and composers, and demonstrates the featured instruments. **Audience members ask questions**, musicians reveal themselves, and clarity is achieved in an entertaining way. The Rochester concerts will be recorded and broadcast on a future *Pipedreams* program which can be heard every Sunday at 8 PM on WXXI 90.5 FM.

The first concert begins at **7:00 PM at Sacred Heart Cathedral**, 296 Flower City Park, and features the new Halloran-All Saints organ built by Tacoma, Washington builder Paul Fritts. Professors **David Higgs** and **William Porter** join their **students** in a two-hour performance, followed by a reception at which the public will have a chance to meet Mr. Barone, the performers, and WXXI's **Richard Gladwell**, host of *With Heart and Voice*.

**Saturday's** concert, also at **7 PM**, takes place at **Christ Church, Episcopal**, 141 East Avenue, and features Eastman's stunning new **Craighead-Saunders Organ** which debuted in October at the Eastman-Rochester Organ Initiative Festival. Due to limited seating, many were turned away in October; the public

has another chance in February to hear this remarkable instrument for free. Professor **Hans Davidsson** joins his teaching colleagues and a second batch of students for this performance

**Sunday reveals a first** for *Pipedreams Live!* as Barone hosts a concert of theatre organ music at the **Auditorium Theatre**, 885 East Main Street at **2:30 PM** on the Rochester Theatre Organ Society's world-famous **Wurlitzer organ**. In a rare chance to hear Eastman faculty and student demonstrate their prowess with popular music, this concert will feature everything from **Cole Porter to the Beatles**, with some selections accompanied by a **jazz drummer**.

Seating at all performances is unreserved. Due to limited seating on Friday and Saturday nights, the public is encouraged to arrive early. Doors open one hour prior to each concert.

The event is sponsored by WXXI Classical 90.5, The Eastman School of Music, the Rochester Theater Organ Society, and the Rochester Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. For more information, visit [www.pipedreams.org](http://www.pipedreams.org). Interviews with and high resolution photographs of the performers, and photographs of the organs are available upon request.