

lar songs and reimagines them in a different era or musical style," she writes. "There are now more than 2.5 million subscribers to the channel." Trumpeter **Mike Cottone** and percussionist **Dave Tedeschi** '08 play with the group regularly, and trombonist **Erm Navarro** '05 and trumpeter **Aaron Smith** '05 have played with Bradlee as well.

2008 Dave Tedeschi (see '07).

School of Medicine and Dentistry

1989 Stephen Parente (MPH) (see '87 College).

1990 Kurt Ackerman (PhD), '91 (MD) (see '58 College).

School of Nursing

1961 Phyllis Ackerman Rosenbaum '66 (MS) (see '58 College).

1989 April Bray Haberyan '93 (MS), an associate professor of nursing at Park University in Missouri, won the university's Excellence in Academic Advising Award in April.

Simon Business School

1977 Jim O'Hara (MBA) (see '64 College).

1980 Sanjai Bhagat (MBA), the Provost Professor of Finance at the University of Colorado Boulder, has published *Financial Crisis, Corporate Governance, and Bank Capital* (Cambridge University Press).

Warner School of Education

1982 Marilyn Patterson Grant (Mas) (see '75 College).

1994 Barb Hughson (MS), CEO of DurangoLearns, a noncredit continuing education and leadership training business in Durango, Colorado, cowrote *Claim Your Light: Gaining Insight for a Fulfilling Life* (Learning Design Group Press) with Wayne Benenson.

2005 Susan Schultz (EdD), associate professor and graduate program director of inclusive education at St. John Fisher College in Rochester, has received two national awards: the 2017 Exemplary Program Award for Cross Cultural Services from the American Council for Rural Special Education for a program she developed called Rural Meets Urban; and 2016 Journal Reviewer of the Year for *Rural Special Education Quarterly*.

In Memoriam

ALUMNI

Rebecca Henslee '35E (MA), May 2017

Jane Winchell Tellier '38, March 2017

Lucia Smith Merritt '42, May 2017

Betty Margaret Ferris Nolting '42E (MM), April 2017

Jean Ferguson Stevens '42E (MM), March 2017

Mildred Lantz Macdonald '43E, May 2017

Margot Heilbrunn Brauer '44, May 2017

Winifred White Morrissey '44, April 2017

Mary Gillette Baker '45, May 2017

Mildred Gillett Durfey '45N, March 2017

Anne Barnetson Gilbride '45N, April 2017

Ruth Darcy Herzog '45, '46N, March 2017

Helen Woolston Anderson '46E, April 2017

Marion Saeli Ullrich '46W (Mas), January 2017

Almera Marshall Brannick '47N, April 2016

Arthur E. Danese '47, '56 (PhD), April 2017

Doris Robinson Jones '47, May 2017

John W. Lawrow '48, February 2017

Eugene J. Moscaret '48, March 2017

Robert J. Duplessis '49, April 2017

Joseph T. Francati '49, April 2017

Jane Noble Moser '49, '53W (Mas), May 2017

Harry R. Nickles '49, May 2017

Ingvar E. Eliasson '50, May 2017

Joseph L. Gattuso '50, April 2017

DISTINGUISHED GRADUATES

Honoring Alumni

Eastman and Simon recognize alumni with annual awards.

EASTMAN SCHOOL OF MUSIC Distinguished Alumni Award

Gene Scheer '81E, '82E (MM), a widely recognized composer and librettist, received the Eastman School of Music's Distinguished Alumni Award this spring.

In work that spans art songs, song cycles, oratorios, and operas, Scheer has earned accolades for his collaborations with many of the leading musical artists and performers of his era, including Steven Stucky, Tobias Picker, Wynton Marsalis, Jennifer Higdon, and Joby Talbot.

At this spring's Eastman commencement ceremony, Scheer's longtime collaborator, Jake Heggie, addressed the Class of 2017. The two have worked together on several projects, including *Out of Darkness* and *Into the Fire* (presented by Eastman Opera Theatre this year), the critically acclaimed opera



Gene Scheer

Moby-Dick, the opera *Three Decembers*, the choral opera *The Radio Hour*, and the lyric drama *To Hell and Back*.

The duo also worked on an operatic adaptation of *It's a Wonderful Life*, which received its world premiere by Houston Grand Opera in December 2016.

SIMON BUSINESS SCHOOL Distinguished Alumnus Award

Joseph Abrams '74S (MBA), who serves as a managing member of the Cicero Consulting Group, received the Distinguished Alumnus Award in June from the Simon Business School.

A successful entrepreneur, Abrams founded The Software Toolworks (a developer, publisher, and distributor of educational and entertainment software) and Intermix, the predecessor company to MySpace, which was later sold to News Corp. An executive leader, he has been an influential investor in such companies as Akeena Solar, the first publicly traded integrator and installer of home and small-business solar panels in the United States.

After earning an MBA from Simon, he embarked on a 40-year career as a leading expert in technology, drug discovery technology services, consumer products, big data, online job placement, among



Joseph Abrams

other areas.

A member of the Simon National Council, Abrams serves on the Simon School Venture Capital Fund Board and is a member of the San Francisco Bay Regional Cabinet. He and his wife, Patricia, are members of the George Eastman Circle, the University's leadership annual giving society.