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**Eastman School of Music names new leader today**

Staff reports

Douglas Lowry, now dean of the College-Conservatory of Music at the University of Cincinnati, will become the new dean of the Eastman School of Music of the University of Rochester on Aug. 1, UR President Joel Seligman announced today.

"I am honored to be asked to serve the Eastman faculty and its many constituents as its new dean," Lowry said in a UR press release this morning. "I look forward to working with the entire Eastman community to further enhance the school's presence in the international theater of music."

Seligman said: "Doug Lowry has been an extraordinarily successful academic leader as well as a composer and conductor of note. "He will bring to Eastman the leadership, musicality, and drive to provide new energy to this nation's leading school of music."

Seligman expressed his gratitude to Jamal J. Rossi, who has served as interim dean since April 2006, for providing leadership and shepherding the strategic planning process at Eastman.

For seven years, Lowry, the Thomas James Kelly Professor at the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music, has led a conservatory with eight divisions within a public research university, the news release said. For almost 20 years before that, he was at the Flora L. Thornton School of Music at the University of Southern California.



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