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Distinguished Canadian musicologist
among WLU music faculty appointments

Dr. Gordon K. Greene, a distinguished Canadian musicologist formerly with the University of Western Ontario, has joined the music faculty of Wilfrid Laurier University, as professor of music history.

His appointment as senior musicologist in the faculty fills the vacancy created when Dr. Walter Kemp left WLU to take over the music program at Dalhousie University in Halifax.

Dr. Greene, who was chairman of the music history department at Western for many years, received his doctorate in 1971. He also holds a master's degree in philosophy. His special areas of interest are medieval music notation, paleography, cultural history and musical trends of the 20th century.

Among other recent appointments:

Jan Overduin, the well-known Canadian organist and prize winner in three recent international organ competitions, has joined the faculty to teach organ, theory and choral conducting.

He has appeared as guest artist at the Royal Festival Hall in London and was twice the recipient of Canada Council scholarships. He was the first Canadian to pass the associateship and fellowship examinations of the Royal Canadian College of Organists at one sitting.

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Prof. Overduin has made many appearances for the Canadian Broadcasting corporation.

Hirochika Chimoto, cellist, joins the part-time instrumental faculty. He has been principal cellist in orchestras in Germany and France, toured widely in Europe, Japan and the U.S. He studied with Saito, Casals and Andre Navarra.

Tibor Puskas, distinguished Hungarian classical guitarist now living in Waterloo, is teaching the faculty's first classical guitar students this fall.

The faculty's visiting musician, who returns to campus in the next semester, is Canadian soprano Christine Harvey. She lives in Amsterdam and is known internationally as a specialist in baroque vocal music.

The faculty also announced that the 140-voice WLU Choir, under Prof. Victor Martens, will perform Bach's Christmas Oratorio Nov. 25, at 8 p.m., in the WLU theatre auditorium, University avenue.