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## **Charles Morrison appointed as dean of Laurier's Faculty of Music**

*Increasing off-campus visibility and developing graduate programs among goals*

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WATERLOO – Dr. Rowland Smith, vice-president: academic at Wilfrid Laurier University, has announced the appointment of Charles Morrison as the new Dean of Music. After a national search, Morrison was appointed as the Faculty's fourth dean. He replaces Anne Hall, who retired in June after 23 years at Laurier.

Morrison has been with Laurier's Faculty of Music for 12 years and was appointed co-ordinator of undergraduate music programs in 1998. He holds a Bachelor of Music in Composition from the University of Manitoba, a Master of Arts in Music Theory from the University of British Columbia (UBC) and a Doctor of Philosophy in Theoretical Musicology also from UBC.

"After 12 years with Laurier, Charles Morrison has an excellent understanding of the Faculty and its mission," said Smith. "With this solid foundation he is in an excellent position to build on the strengths of the Faculty and promote Laurier's national niche."

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While recognizing that Laurier has one of the best undergraduate music programs in the country, Morrison feels the time is right to explore the possibility of developing graduate programs in selected areas to complement and strengthen the Faculty as a whole. He hopes to increase the Faculty's visibility and provide students with a wider range of performing opportunities through off-campus concerts. He also plans to build on the Faculty's sense of unity through intra- and inter-disciplinary connections.

"Laurier's Faculty of Music is second to none in Canada and there is a great wealth of innovative ideas and experience to develop," said Morrison. "Dr. Hall's leadership has left the Faculty in such good shape I'm confident I will be able to build an even stronger program."

The Faculty of Music is celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary throughout the year with more than 100 concerts.