

## Eastman School of Music appoints new dean

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ROCHESTER, N.Y. -- The University of Rochester's Eastman School of Music said Monday it has appointed conductor-composer Douglas Lowry as its new dean.

Lowry, who is dean of the College-Conservatory of Music at the University of Cincinnati, will take up his new post Aug. 1.

"He will bring to Eastman the leadership, musicality and drive to provide new energy to this nation's leading school of music," said the University of Rochester's president, Joel Seligman.

Jamal Rossi has served as interim dean since April 2006 when Eastman School graduate James Undercofler resigned after nine years to become president and chief executive officer of the Philadelphia Orchestra.

Lowry, 56, has steered the University of Cincinnati's music school for seven years. Previously, he taught, composed and performed music for almost 20 years at the Flora L. Thornton School of Music at the University of Southern California.

"Eastman offers a world-class artistic and educational experience, a legacy that must be sustained and enhanced," Lowry said.

"In the coming years, Eastman will take a hard look at the breathtaking changes in the way that music is experienced and consumed, and examine the emerging relationship between music and other art forms, particularly new media. However, we will not waver from the Eastman hallmark: the very highest standards of artistry and scholarship."

The school was created in 1921 by photography pioneer George Eastman, founder of Eastman Kodak Co.