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Distinguished musician named new Dean

Edmonton – Dr. John Corlett, provost and vice-president, Academic at MacEwan University is pleased to announce that Dr. Allan Gilliland has been appointed dean of MacEwan University’s Faculty of Fine Arts and Communications. Gilliland, currently the chair of the university’s Department of Music, is a longtime faculty member, and has enjoyed a distinguished career as a musician, composer and teacher.

“I’m thrilled that after an international search that brought to us a diverse and remarkable group of excellent candidates, we found our next dean of the Faculty of Fine Arts and Communications right here at MacEwan,” said Corlett. “Dr. Gilliland is a world-renowned composer, a respected musician, an outstanding teacher, and an able and experienced administrator. He is the right person to lead the faculty into this new era of academic and artistic achievement.”

Gilliland was the first recipient of MacEwan’s Distinguished Research Award and over the years he has brought world-wide recognition to the university’s music program. His music has been played by ensembles around the world, including the Edmonton Symphony Orchestra, Vancouver Symphony Orchestra, St. Lawrence String Quartet, Canadian Brass, Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra, Alberta Baroque Ensemble, Pro Coro Canada, Kitchener-Waterloo Symphony Orchestra, Hammerhead Consort, Rochester Philharmonic, the Boston Pops, the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and the brass section of the New York Philharmonic. Gilliland has also served as composer-in-residence with the Edmonton Symphony Orchestra.

Gilliland will replace retiring Denise Roy who has served as dean since 2011 and has been with MacEwan as a faculty member and administrator for 27 years.

Gilliland appointment becomes effective on January 1, 2017.

Founded in 1971, MacEwan University inspires its students with a powerful combination of academic excellence and personal learning experiences. Offering more than 65 programs including undergraduate degrees, applied degrees, diplomas, certificates, continuing education and corporate training, the university provides a transformative education in a creative, collaborative and supportive learning environment where creativity and innovation thrive. Located in Edmonton, Alberta Canada, MacEwan University offers a unique student experience that opens up diverse pathways for achievement and growth.