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LSU School of Music names Beck new director

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Stephen David Beck has been selected as the LSU School of Music's new director, effective July 1, according to an LSU news release.

Beck, current Haymon Professor of Composition & Computer Music at LSU, will assume the director position from Willis Delony, the Aloysia Barineau Professor of Keyboard Studies and professor of jazz studies.

Delony has served as associate dean of the LSU College of Music & Dramatic Arts and interim director of the School of Music since the fall of 2010.

In addition to his new position, Beck will maintain a joint appointment at the Center for Computation & Technology, or CCT, where he has served as the area head for the cultural computing focus area and as director of the AVATAR initiative in digital media.

Beck received his Ph.D. in music composition and theory from the University of California, Los Angeles, in 1988, and held a Fulbright Fellowship in 1985-86, where he was a researcher at the Institut de Recherche et Coordination Acoustique/Musique in Paris. His current research includes sound diffusion systems, high-performance computing applications in music and virtual music instruments. In 2009, he founded the Laptop Orchestra of Louisiana, which has become a widely regarded ensemble nationally and internationally.

For more information on the LSU School of Music, visit <http://music.lsu.edu>.

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