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ACCOMPLISHED MUSICIAN JOINS EASTERN'S MUSIC DEPARTMENT

WILLIMANTIC, CT – Eastern Connecticut State University's Performing Arts Department is pleased to announce that Jeff Calissi has joined the faculty as concert band director and instrumental music instructor for percussion.

Originally from New Jersey, Calissi joins the department as an assistant professor with extensive experience as a teacher, composer, and performing artist. Calissi received a Bachelor of Music in Music Education from Radford University and a Master of Music and Doctor of Musical Arts in Performance from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

He has performed with various opera companies, symphony orchestras, and wind, percussion, and chamber ensembles throughout Europe, Canada and the United States. As a talented percussionist and marimba soloist, Calissi has performed in such venues as the Southeastern Composers League Conference, the Eastern Trombone Workshop, the International Tuba and Euphonium Conference, and the National Conference on Percussion Pedagogy. An active member of the Percussive Arts Society, he has presented

at the society's international convention, PASIC, and serves on their Scholarly Research Committee.

“I am honored and privileged to have been selected as the new director of percussion and band and am very happy to be a part of the Eastern family,” says Calissi. “Since my arrival a short while ago, everyone on campus has been very warm and welcoming. I look forward to many years of association with Eastern.”

Calissi's research has been published in the *Percussive Notes Journal* and in the *Percussive Arts Society Online Research Journal* (www.pas.org).

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