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## **Willimantic Orchestra to Perform at Eastern**

**Willimantic, Conn.** – The Willimantic Orchestra will play the third concert of its 2008-09 season on March 1 at 3 p.m. in Eastern Connecticut State University’s Shafer Auditorium, located in Shafer Hall at the corner of Windham and Valley Streets in Willimantic. The public is invited. While admission is free, donations are welcomed.

The orchestra will perform selections from Mendelssohn’s “Overture to a Midsummer Night’s Dream” and Schubert’s “Symphony No. 6 in C.” Jeff Calissi, assistant professor of music at Eastern, will perform as a soloist in the Ney Rosaura piece, “Concerto for Marimba and String Orchestra.”

The Willimantic Orchestra is conducted by David Vaughan, who was named conductor in 1991. In addition to the Willimantic Orchestra, Vaughan conducts the Greater Killingly Community Band; the University of Connecticut (UConn) Community School Honors Orchestra; and the Westfield Congregational Church Choir. He currently teaches music in the Killingly public school system. Vaughan has also been musical director for the theatrical productions of “Annie, Get Your Gun,” “Carousel,” “The

Gondoliers,” “The Happy End,” “Company,” “Godspell,” “The Frogs of Windham,” and others with the UConn Drama Department, Thomaston Opera House, Nutmeg Summer Theater, Manchester Musical Players and Windham Theatre Guild. In 1985, Vaughan received his Master of Music in Instrumental Conducting from UConn.

Calissi teaches music at Eastern, where he is also director of percussion studies. He holds a Bachelor of Music in Music Education from Radford University in Virginia and a Master of Music and Doctor of Musical Arts in Performance from the University of North Carolina-Greensboro. Calissi has performed at numerous events, including the Southeastern Composers League Conference, the Eastern Trombone Workshop and the National Conference on Percussion Pedagogy.

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