

Gerle to Conduct CU Orchestra

Catholic University has appointed Robert Gerle, violinist and conductor, as conductor of the CU orchestra. He succeeds Dr. Robert Ricks, who will return to teaching music at CU this fall.

Gerle will coordinate all orchestra concerts this year in the Hartke Theater on campus. Beginning in September, orchestra rehearsals and classes move to CU's Ward Hall addition, containing an organ studio, rehearsal hall, classrooms and practice rooms.

A resident of Baltimore, where he has been conductor of the UMBC Community Orchestra at the University of Maryland in Baltimore, he also recorded 10 albums of concertos by Barber, Berg, Delius, Hindemith and Kurt Weill. He is a graduate of the Royal Franz Liszt Academy and the National Conservatory, both in Budapest. In 1970 he received an Emmy for his Beethoven Sonata television series with his wife, Marilyn Neeley, a noted pianist.

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