Dean, Desautels Faculty of Music

The University of Manitoba (U of M) invites nominations, applications, and expressions of interest for the position of Dean, Desautels Faculty of Music.

The Desautels Faculty of Music is the proud recipient of one of the largest gifts in the University's history. Its new cutting-edge state-of-the-art facilities attract outstanding students from around the world and acclaimed performing artists alike. The Faculty is home to award-winning music professionals, educators, and researchers with a deep passion for their work. Its current complement of more than 240 graduate and undergraduate students study in a collegial and collaborative atmosphere, providing both conservatory-style studio lessons and academic courses that foster academic excellence and critical thinking. Every year, Desautels students participate in more than 250 performances with faculty, community players, and several of Winnipeg’s leading performing arts organizations, including the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra. For more information about the Desautels Faculty of Music and its programs, visit http://umanitoba.ca/music/.

Reporting to the Provost and Vice-President (Academic), and as a member of the University's senior leadership team, the Dean is responsible for the overall academic and administrative leadership of the Faculty. The successful candidate will be an inspiring and innovative leader with the skills and creativity to enhance excellence in professional training, performance and production, and research. The new Dean of Desautels will possess a strong academic profile as well as an advanced degree, combined with administrative experience in a relevant music or music education environment. A hallmark of the ideal candidate will be a willingness to become immersed in Winnipeg’s vibrant cultural community, and to advance the Faculty’s connections to the musical, educational and artistic landscape of the City of Winnipeg and Canada more broadly.

Recognized as Western Canada’s first university, and located in the City of Winnipeg, the University of Manitoba is a place where students come to learn and be inspired. The University, home to approximately 30,000 students, 5,000 academic staff, and 3,900 support staff, offers a strong foundation in liberal arts and sciences as part of its broad range of undergraduate and graduate programs. As Manitoba’s only medical-doctoral institution and as a member of the U15 Group of Research Universities, the University dominates the Manitoba research landscape and ranks among Canada’s most research-intensive universities. Over $1.8 billion in annual economic activity in the province is attributable to the University of Manitoba, making it one of the most important contributors to the province’s prosperity. The University of Manitoba is located on Anishinaabe and Métis traditional land, and is home to a thriving community of Indigenous researchers, staff, and 2,400 First Nations, Métis and Inuit students. For more information on the University of Manitoba, an institution that is taking its place on the world stage, visit http://umanitoba.ca/.

The University of Manitoba is strongly committed to equity and diversity within its community and especially welcomes applications from women, racialized persons/persons of colour, Indigenous peoples, persons with disabilities, persons of all sexual orientations and genders, and others who may contribute to the further diversification of ideas. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadian citizens and
permanent residents will be given priority. Application materials, including letters of reference, will be handled in accordance with the "Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (Manitoba)."

Consideration of candidates will begin late January 2018. Nominations, applications or expressions of interest should be directed to Gerri Woodford or Jason Murray at desautelsmusic@odgersberndtson.com.