

Robert Rumbelow

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Robert W. Rumbelow is in his twelfth year as Conductor and Director of Wind Ensemble Activities at the Schwob School of Music of Columbus State University. In addition to teaching classes in conducting and literature, he is the conductor of the faculty Camerata chamber orchestra and frequent conductor of opera productions. Dr. Rumbelow previously served as the associate conductor of the famed Eastman Wind Ensemble and Eastman Wind Orchestra. He also worked with the Eastman Studio Orchestra, Kilbourn Orchestra, Musica Nova, and the independent Rochester Chamber Players. Rumbelow received his Doctor of Musical Arts degree in conducting from Eastman and primarily studied with Donald Hunsberger. Prior to his doctoral studies at Eastman, he successfully served as a director of bands in the Texas public schools. Rumbelow maintains a very active schedule as a guest conductor, clinician, arranger, composer, and lecturer. He is the recipient of several notable accolades, including being a two-time winner of the Walter Hagen Conducting Prize, the first prize winner in the Sir Georg Solti International Conducting Competition sponsored by the Sousa Foundation, and winner of the North American round and finalist in the Tokyo International Conducting Competition. Outstanding performances of the CSU Wind Ensemble under his baton have been recorded and broadcast on NPR and Georgia Public Broadcasting. Recordings on the Summit label as well as performances by the ensemble at statewide and national conferences have brought widespread praise for the wind ensemble program.