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## **Carnegie Mellon Names Franco Sciannameo New Director of Interdisciplinary Programs**

PITTSBURGH— Carnegie Mellon University has named Franco Sciannameo director of its Bachelor of Humanities and Arts (BHA) and Bachelor of Science and Arts (BSA) programs.

“I intend to develop a better understanding of what ‘interdisciplinarity’ is for the students,” said Sciannameo, who has served as the programs’ interim director for the past 18 months. “I will frame the concept of interdisciplinarity within parameters suggested by the words creativity, fusion, energy and synthesis. I’d like to design new courses that question, research and develop the very issue of this subject.”

As interim head, Sciannameo created a Colloquia Series, a sequence of lectures that discussed various topics of interdisciplinary artistic practice. He will continue the series and host an annual New York City weekend retreat dedicated to exploring the city’s unique artistic facilities. He will also create a freshman seminar dedicated to research methodologies, and a seminar for upperclassmen dedicated to exploring art, science and technology.

Sciannameo has a long history with Carnegie Mellon as a College of Fine Arts Distinguished Scholar in Multidisciplinary Studies. Born in Italy, Sciannameo studied in Rome at the Conservatorio di Musica, earning a degree in violin performance and pedagogy, and later at the Accademia Chigiana in Siena and Accademia Nazionale di Santa Cecilia in Rome. An active member of Carnegie Mellon’s Center for the Arts in Society, Sciannameo also received an advanced degree in historical musicology and cultural studies from the University of Pittsburgh.

Sciannameo has worked closely with a number of celebrated composers. He created the Laboratory for the Study of Environmental Sounds at Carnegie Mellon and developed an introductory course and research project called “The Sound of Carnegie Mellon” in conjunction with the Steinbrenner Institute for Environmental Education and Research.

For more information on the BHA and BSA programs visit  
<http://www.cmu.edu/interdisciplinary/index.html>.

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