

festival clinicians

Under the supervision of festival dean Dr. Timothy Shook, the week will feature six award-winning faculty conductors:

Stephen Butler, *worship teams*. Butler is a music pastor at First Baptist Church in Arkansas City, Kan. He also writes and arranges cantatas, as well as performing concerts throughout the Midwest.



Dr. David Gardner, *choir*. He is the recipient of numerous awards, including a second-place finish in the 2001 American

Choral Directors Association National Student Conducting Awards Competition, and the 2005 Fasnacht Outstanding



Faculty Award. He is also active as a guest conductor and baritone soloist. Dr. Gardner's Carnegie Hall conducting debut was in March 2005.

Mike Jones, *jazz band*. A graduate of Whitworth College, Jones taught high school and elementary band for three years before completing a master's degree in trumpet performance at Eastern Illinois University. He now is a doctoral student

at the University of Illinois in Champaign/Urbana.

Jones has been an active judge and clinician for jazz festivals and regional solo and ensemble competitions.



Prof. Christopher Schmitz, *composition*.

Prof. Schmitz is the director of the Center for Music Composition at Southwestern College. His jazz and classical compositions have been featured in performances at academic institutions, regional and national music conferences, award competitions, and feature films. Schmitz is currently completing a doctorate in music composition at the University of Texas in Austin.



Dr. Daniel Stevens, *orchestra*. In addition to his responsibilities as director of strings at Southwestern, Stevens is

founder of the Southwestern College Youth Symphony and conductor of the South Kansas Symphony at Southwestern. Dr. Stevens is a professional violist with the Tulsa Symphony Orchestra/Opera and has been a featured soloist and chamber musician. Dr. Stevens was part of a string trio that played a concert in Carnegie Hall in March 2010.

Melissa Williamson, *flute choir & music theory*.

Melissa teaches music theory, private flute, flute choir, woodwind methods, and is administrator of the Community Music School at Southwestern College.



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