

2009 High School Choir Clinician Biographies

Mixed Chorus



William T. Grega has 26 years experience as a choral director and is in his 17th year as a member of the Parkview High School faculty in Springfield, Missouri where he conducts 6 choirs, teaches Advanced Placement Music Theory, and serves as Chair of the Music Department. Grega holds a Bachelor of Music Degree from Culver-Stockton College in Canton, Missouri, and a Master of Music Education Degree from Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau. The Parkview Concert Choir has performed for the Missouri Music Educators Association Convention in 1997, 2000, 2005 and for the American Choral Directors Association Southwest Division Convention in 2002. In 2007 Mr. Grega was awarded the “Presidential Award of Excellence” by Missouri Choral Directors Association, and was inducted into the College of Education’s “Hall of Excellence” by his alma mater Culver-Stockton College. His wife Debbie is a Middle School Principal and they have a son Austin who is a high school freshman, and a daughter Chandler who is in 6th grade.

Women’s Chorus

Mark Bartel is in demand as a conductor, singer and music educator, and his career has taken him to several cities in the United States and Canada. He is Director of Choral Music at Friends University in Wichita, KS, where he conducts the Singing Quakers, Madrigal Choir, Women’s Chorus and the Friends University Choral Union. Mr. Bartel is also the Artistic Director and Conductor of the Wichita Community Children’s Choir. Since arriving at Friends University in 2005, he has led his choirs in several performances at Kansas MENC performances, and toured widely with the Singing Quakers throughout the United States, and Germany.



As doctoral fellow in choral conducting at the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, New York, Mr. Bartel was the conductor of the Repertory Singers and Assistant Conductor of the Eastman Chorale and the Eastman-Rochester Chorus. He has held faculty positions in choral and vocal music at Hobart and William Smith Colleges, Geneva, NY, the University of Western Ontario, London, Canada, and Canadian Mennonite University in Winnipeg, Canada. As an orchestral conductor, Mr. Bartel regularly conducted choral-orchestral performances with the Mennonite Oratorio Choir and the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra and has been artistic director of several Canadian youth and community orchestras. Mr. Bartel performs as a lyric baritone and is a member of the voice faculty at Friends University. He has held church music positions in both Winnipeg and Dallas, and is frequently engaged as a vocal and choral clinician and adjudicator. He is a recipient of the Canada Council’s prestigious Sir Ernest Macmillan Prize in Conducting, and he holds the Master of Music and Master of Sacred Music degrees from Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas.