

Scott A. Jones

Biography

Scott A. Jones is Associate Professor of Music and Associate Director of University Bands in the School of Music at The Ohio State University in Columbus, OH. In addition to conducting The Ohio State Symphonic Band, he also leads the undergraduate conducting curriculum. Jones also serves as Director of the Ohio State Youth Summer Music Programs. Prior to joining the faculty at Ohio State, Dr. Jones was Director of Bands at Concordia College in Moorhead, MN. He also garnered 15 years of teaching experience in the public schools of Apple Valley, MN and Ashville, OH.

An ardent supporter of the “composers of today,” Dr. Jones has commissioned more than 40 new compositions for wind band and chamber winds. Among commissioned composers are David R. Gillingham, Augusta Read Thomas, Libby Larsen, Clark McAlister, Michael Weinstein, Adam Gorb, Daniel Kallman, Scott McAllister, Timothy Mahr, Rolf Rudin, Lowell Liebermann, Elliott Schwartz, Shelley Hanson, Johan de Meij, Brian Balmages, Andrew Boysen, and Martin Ellerby.

A firm believer in creating opportunities for students to interact with great artists of our time, musicians under Jones’ leadership have collaborated with artists Frederick Fennell, Eiji Oue, Aaron Jay Kernis, Frank Battisti, Seiji Ozawa, David R. Gillingham, Augusta Read Thomas, Eddie Daniels, Frank Ticheli, Mark Camhouse, The Empire Brass Quintet, The American Brass Quintet and a host of other distinguished musical figures.

A native of Fairfax, Virginia, Dr. Jones received his undergraduate degree in Music Education from The Ohio State University (Columbus, OH), a Master’s Degree in Music Education from the Vander Cook College of Music (Chicago, IL), and a Ph.D. in Music from the University of Minnesota (Minneapolis, MN).

Dr. Jones was the recipient of the 2015 Ohio State University Distinguished Teaching Award, the 2014 Ohio State School of Music Distinguished Teaching Award, was named “Music Educator of the Year” by the Minnesota Music Educators Association, and was one of three school band conductors from the United States selected to participate in the National Band Association International Conducting Symposium in Rome, Italy. His guest engagements regularly include All-State Bands and Honor Bands, as well as international engagements throughout Asia.

His professional affiliations include The National Association for Music Education, Ohio Music Education Association, World Association for Symphonic Bands and Ensembles, College Band Directors National Association, National Band Association, and Phi Beta Mu.