

James Barnes

As a member of both the Band and Theory-Composition faculties at the University of Kansas, James Barnes teaches orchestration, arranging and composition courses and conducts the Wind Ensemble and the Concert Band. He also teaches graduate conducting and band and orchestral literature classes.

His numerous publications for concert band are extensively performed in the United States, Europe and the Pacific Basin. Barnes has twice received the coveted American Bandmasters Association Ostwald Award for outstanding contemporary wind band music. He has been the recipient of numerous ASCAP Awards for composers of serious music, the Kappa Kappa Psi Distinguished Service to Music Medal and numerous other honors and grants. He has completed three commercial compact disc recordings of his music with the famed Tokyo Kosei Wind Orchestra. In recent years he has been commissioned to compose works for all four of the major military bands in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Barnes has traveled extensively as a guest composer, conductor and lecturer throughout the Unites States, Australia, Great Britain and Japan. He is a member of the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers, the American Bandmasters Association and numerous other professional organizations and societies. Since 1984, his music has been published exclusively by Southern Music Company of San Antonio, Texas.

