

SWOSU Music Groups Honored by OMEA

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The SWOSU Wind Ensemble, conducted by Dr. James South, and the Chamber Choir, conducted by Dr. Daniel Farris, have been selected to perform as honor groups at the 2011 convention of the Oklahoma Music Educators Association in Tulsa.

Selection of honor groups each year is made on the basis of a recorded audition by a panel of music educators. The convention performances are open to the public with a small admission charge.

The Chamber Choir will perform this Thursday, January 20, at Trinity Episcopal Church in Tulsa. The performance will be at 7:50 p.m. SWOSU Music Professor Emeritus Dr. Charles Chapman will accompany the choir on one selection.

The Wind Ensemble will also perform Thursday evening at 9 p.m. in the Assembly Hall of the Tulsa Convention Center. Dr. David Bessinger, associate professor of music at SWOSU, will be featured as soloist with the ensemble on David Gillingham's *Concerto for Marimba and Wind Ensemble*.

South is in his 16th year as director of bands at SWOSU and also serves as chair of the Department of Music. The Wind Ensemble has previously performed under his baton at the OMEA conventions in 1999, 2001, 2003 and 2005.

Farris has taught at SWOSU since 2007 and is an assistant professor of music.