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Composer's Symposium to Feature FWBBC's James Stevens

NASHVILLE, TN—Dr. James Stevens, internationally-acclaimed music composer and chair of the Free Will Baptist Bible College Music Department, has been selected as one of seven clinicians for the 2009 Composer's Symposium sponsored by Pine Lake Music Company. For more than 35 years, Pine Lake Music has provided choral music, musicals, and collections for churches, as well as sound tracks, sheet music, and artist recordings for individuals.

Dr. Stevens said, "I will be teaching classes in theory, participating in panel discussions, critiquing new music by attendees, and giving private lessons as the schedule permits during the week."

The prestigious symposium meets June 15-19, 2009, in Decatur, Georgia, and is expected to attract 60-70 composers for an intense week of evaluation and professional challenge. This marks the fifth year Pine Lake Music has sponsored the annual gathering.

Other noted composers will join Stevens as presenters next summer—Joseph M. Martin, Joel Raney, J. Paul Williams, Pepper Choplin, Mark Cabaniss, and Jean Anne Shafferman.

"This conference is designed to help up-and-coming composers reach the next level in their skills and knowledge of the choral music industry through the teaching of professional composers across the country," Stevens said. "Each composer will have an opportunity to have some of his works performed at the conference and receive direct and personal feedback from the clinicians."

Dr. Stevens has been a member of the FWBBC Music faculty since 2004. During the past year, he has led keyboard workshops at the Free Will Baptist national convention and during Southern Baptist Church Music Week (Ridgecrest and Glorieta), published a piano book of hymn arrangements in Korea, and was the primary speaker at Sunmin Music's Church Music Workshop in Seoul.