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The Ottawa University™
Orchestra

Steven McDonald, music director

Baroque
Concert

Sunday, March 7, 2010
3 p.m.

Ottawa University™
1001 South Cedar Street
Ottawa, Kansas

Steven McDonald

Originally from Reading, Massachusetts, Steven McDonald is a graduate of the Boston University School for the Arts, the Sweelink Conservatory of Amsterdam, The Netherlands, and is currently completing the Doctor of Musical Arts degree at the University of Kansas School of Fine Arts. His teachers have included Brian Priestman, Nicholas Uljanov, Joop van Zon, and Thomas Dunn for conducting, Henk van Eeuwijk and Leo Abbott for piano, Craig Rutenberg for vocal coaching, and George Faxon for organ.

Mr. McDonald has served on the faculties of the University of Kansas, Boston University, and Gordon College, and has also served as music director of Musica Modus Vivendi of Harvard University. While at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, he was founder and music director of the Summer Opera and Independent Activities Period orchestra, and conductor of the Chamber Orchestra, and of the Gilbert & Sullivan Players. At the University of Kansas, Mr. McDonald served as assistant conductor of the K.U. Symphony, founder and music director of the Camerata, and has also conducted the K.U. Opera productions of *Candide* and *The Magic Flute*. In addition, he is currently active as music director of the Lafayette Swing Orchestra, a "society orchestra" modeled after the great hotel orchestras of the 1930's, and based in Wakefield, Massachusetts.

In August of 2006, Steven McDonald was appointed Assistant Professor of Music and Director of Orchestral Activities at Ottawa University, and in July of 2007 was appointed conductor of the Lawrence Chamber Orchestra. He also served as guest conductor of the Missouri All-State High School Orchestra, and of the Midwest Music Campu String Orchestra at the University of Kansas, both in 2009.

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