

Christopher Kelts

Christopher Kelts is Assistant-Professor of Music and the Director of Orchestras at Washburn University. Dr. Kelts conducts the University Symphony Orchestra, String Orchestra and teaches applied viola. The Washburn Orchestras perform works ranging from standard and more specialized repertoire to create a musical and educational experience.

Now in his third year as music director/conductor with the Kansas City Civic Orchestra, Christopher Kelts is preparing to embark on the orchestra's 53rd season.

Through his programming, Dr. Kelts has expanded the audience base for the KC Civic Orchestra. He has also expanded the concert season to feature extra "classical" series concerts, an "Encore" holiday concert and educational outreach. The Civic Orchestra, under the baton of Christopher Kelts, invites soloists from all over the United States: from local talent such as guitarist Doug Neidt to internationally acclaimed violinist Mark O'Connor.

In addition, Dr. Kelts is also co-artistic director and conductor for the new Springfield (MO) based *The Opus 6 Project*: a chamber group of musicians devoted to baroque performance practices and the Op. 6 works of Corelli and Handel and is artistic director of the Kinnor Philharmonic.