

## Steve Litwiller Bio

Steve Litwiller started his teaching career at Leeton, Missouri in 1978. He taught in Gallatin 4 years, and then moved to Boonville, where he taught instrumental music for 30 years. He retired in the May, 2013, and since has been happily employed as an Adjunct Professor of Music at Central Methodist University.

He performs regularly with the Sauerkraut Serenaders, the Prevailing Winds of Central Missouri, and the Roadkill Clarinet Quintet. In August of 2014 he was a Guest Artist at the International Clarinet Association Clarinetfest in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. He presented a clinic at the Midwest International Instrumental Convention in Chicago on "Beginning Band: Training and Retaining Students," in December, 2018.

He received his Bachelor of Science in Music Education and Master of Education degrees from the University of Missouri-Columbia.

Prof. Litwiller served two terms as President of the West Central Missouri Music Educators Association, is a Past-President of the Missouri Bandmasters Association, and is currently the Mentoring Chair for the Missouri Music Educators Association. In 2010 he was named Missouri High School Activities Association [MSHSAA] Music Educator of the Year. In January 2013, he received the Phi Beta Mu Missouri Band Director of the Year Award. In June of 2014 he was awarded the Missouri Bandmasters Association "Hall of Fame Award."

He is a member of the International Clarinet Association, the National Association for Music Education, and Phi Beta Mu. He has been active as an adjudicator and clinician in Missouri, Iowa, Kansas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Nebraska the past 34 years. He currently is the Artistic Director of the Thespian Hall Conservatory Band, Chairman of the Missouri River Festival of the Arts, President of the Friends of Historic Boonville, and serves on the Boonville R-1 School Board.