Southeast Texas Suzuki Association

presents Teacher Development with

GABE BOLKOSKY

"Education for Happiness"

Saturday, November 6, 2021

1:30-3:30pmCST on ZOOM

following the STXSA General Meeting at 12:30pm

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Violinist and violist **Gabe Bolkosky** has been praised for the way he "takes audiences into his confidence and includes them" and described as having "the serenity of a master without a hint of coldness." He has performed and taught across the United States, abroad, working with all ages of musicians. As a member of the Bayberry String Quartet, he recently pioneered an online approach to music-making and collaboration from home. His organization, Education for Happiness, recently launched PhoenixPhest Virtual Online Chamber Music Immersive, culminating a 20 year in-person program. His focus educationally has been to help musicians in all developmental stages and levels of interest with a focus on inclusion.

Primarily a violinist, he performs a diverse repertoire of classical and contemporary works with different collaborative artists from many musical genres in many of the great concert halls. As a violist, Gabe helped found the Bayberry String Quartet in 2018 and continues to play in this group with his wife Steffani. To date, Gabe has released seven recordings that show his breadth as a musician focused in the areas of contemporary music, jazz, and nuevo tango as well as traditional classical music, with plans to expand into the world of DAW and BandLab. Over the last two decades, Gabe served as the executive director of The Phoenix Ensemble, a nonprofit organization dedicated to warm hearted and compassionate arts