

SBU TO HOST MASTER CLASS FOR VIOLIN, VIOLA STUDENTS APRIL 15

BOLIVAR, Mo. – Southwest Baptist University’s Division of Arts and Humanities welcomes David Hays, violin professor at Missouri State University, who will conduct a master class for SBU violin and viola students of Carol Harrison from 5-7 p.m., on Thursday, April 15 in the Meyer Recital Hall on the Bolivar campus.

This event is free and open to the public with masks and social distancing observed by all in attendance.

Hays, a former Concertmaster of the Boston University Tanglewood Institute (BUTI) young artists’ orchestra, has performed with the Minnesota Orchestra, the Chicago Symphony, the Indianapolis Symphony and others. A graduate of Indiana University (BM) and Northwestern University (MM, DM), Hays completed his training with Blair Milton and the Civic Orchestra of Chicago. As a chamber musician, he has performed live on WFMT Chicago with the Sheridan Chamber Players and was a finalist at the Banff International String Quartet Competition as a founding member of the Fry Street Quartet.

As a member of the Hawthorne Trio with Michael A. Murray and Amy Muchnick, Hays has performed throughout the U.S., Poland, the Czech Republic and England. On baroque violin, Hays toured and recorded three CDs with Minneapolis-based Minstrelsy! over nine seasons. He has appeared with Temple of Apollo, the Lyra Concert, the Newberry Consort, the Chicago Baroque Ensemble, and recently was featured with the Kansas City Baroque Consortium. Hays recently served as Concertmaster for the closing festival performance at the American Guild of Organists Convention in Kansas City.

Hays taught violin and chamber music at Northwestern University’s National High School Music Institute for 15 summers and served on faculty at the Oklahoma Summer Arts Institute. His CD “Lullaby and Nocturne” with Dr. Peter Collins, piano, was released in 2013.

Hays has served as Concertmaster of the Springfield Symphony since 2000 and Professor of Music (Violin) at Missouri State University since 1999, where he teaches applied violin, pedagogy and chamber music. In recent seasons, he has performed solo works by Tchaikovsky, Beethoven, Sarasate and Mozart with orchestra and has appeared in recitals in China, Singapore, Bulgaria, Colombia, New Orleans, Chicago and Minneapolis.

For more information about the event, please contact the SBU Music Office at (417) 328-1644.

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