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Conductor, violinist, and educator, David Tedford is passionate about orchestral music. He enjoys sharing this art form with others and passing on his knowledge of classical music to the next generation.

He currently holds the position of Music Director of the Bloomsburg University Community Orchestra. In addition, he is an Assistant Professor of Music at Bloomsburg University in Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania. Dr. Tedford seeks to engage musicians and audience members of multiple generations through well-crafted performances each concert season.

An avid educator, Dr. Tedford directs the orchestra in their four-concert series, which includes a Young Person's Concert. These performances reach around 1,200 students annually. Concerts have focused on educating young students on not only classical music in general, but also specific elements of music, ranging from rhythm and melody to Nationalism and movie music. He has initiated multiple performing outlets for students at Bloomsburg University, including a Concerto Competition and a chamber music lab course. He also coordinates

multiple educational outreach initiatives, such as *Stringposium*, an educational outreach for area string players, and multiple pre-audition workshops for local high school musicians.

He enjoys exploring the newest trends in music, believing that the key to future generations of concert-goers is to not only perform music of previous generations, but also to perform music of contemporary society. His research interests include programming of contemporary music in the collegiate setting and is a proponent of promoting compositions by living composers. Dr. Tedford has been a guest clinician at music festivals throughout the United States and believes nurturing future generations of musicians and music-lovers is vital to the preservation and growth of our musical heritage.

Dr. Tedford holds an undergraduate degree in Music Education, with an emphasis in violin, from Grove City College, where he began his conducting career as assistant conductor for the Grove City College Orchestra. In 2010, he earned a Master's Degree in Orchestral Conducting from Ohio University, where he assisted in opera productions and began his interest in new music. He was an active conductor with the new music ensembles and performed numerous new compositions throughout his two years at Ohio University. In 2015, Tedford received the Doctor of Musical Arts in Orchestral Conducting from the University of Iowa, where he continued his interest in theater conducting and new music performance.

He was the 2019 International Conductors Workshop & Competition winner and has participated in masterclasses and workshops with the Gwinnett Symphony Chamber Orchestra, Baltimore Chamber Orchestra, the Smoky Mountain International Chamber Orchestra, and the South Carolina Conductor's Institute Symphony Orchestra. He has had the opportunity to study with conductors William LaRue Jones, Steven Huang, Kenneth Kiesler, Stuart Malina, Dwight Oltman, Robert Page, Donald Portnoy, and Markand Thakar.

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