

Steven Greenman Jewish and Klezmer Violinist

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Workshops & Master Classes

An internationally recognized master instructor of traditional East European Jewish klezmer music, Steven Greenman provides a wide selection of klezmer workshops and master classes for your music festival, ensemble or student group. Workshops and master classes involve internalizing the music through singing the melodies, playing "by ear", learning proper "Jewish" phrasings (both melody and accompaniment), learning the different categories of the klezmer repertoire and understanding the history of the *klezmerim* and their music. Artist in Residency programs are also available in which Steven works with the musicians in a series of workshops and master classes to learn klezmer repertoire, style, ornamentation and phrasing, culminating in a concert with the participants performing the material learned.

College Conservatory String Programs

Steven shows how klezmer ensemble performance practices relate to classical chamber music with shared musical ideas and ensemble interaction. The more artistic klezmer "chamber" repertoire is featured as well as klezmer dance music. Conservatory string programs are available as one-time master classes or as part of a longer residency.

Professional Classical Chamber Orchestras & Ensembles

Steven works with professional classical chamber ensembles using his own klezmer arrangements that are performed in concert with the ensemble. Steven shows how the traditional klezmer ensemble with its intimate interplay of instruments, sophisticated performance practices and serious artistic repertoire is equivalent to classical string quartets and ensembles and deserves a place in classical concert halls. Steven can also work with your music director to design the best concert program combining artistic klezmer music and classical music.

Klezmer Music Festivals

An active master instructor at various klezmer festivals, including KlezKamp, KlezKanada, KlezFest London and Klezmer Wochen Weimar, Steven leads workshops and master classes teaching klezmer violin repertoire, style, phrasing and ornamentation. Steven can also lead a "Fidl Kapelye" (string ensemble) as well as ensembles for all instrumentalists. In addition, as an experienced collaborator with many of the world's leading klezmer performers and teachers, Steven can arrange coachings in collaboration with other instructors at your festival.

Suzuki Klezmer

Steven works with your Suzuki class (all levels welcome) teaching klezmer modes, scales, ornamentation, style and phrasing by ear. Students will first learn klezmer melodies first by singing them together and then play together as a small klezmer ensemble integrating both lead (erster) and second (sekund) parts. Suzuki Klezmer is available as a one-time master class or a longer residency.

Elementary, Junior High School and High School String Programs

Steven will design a class to teach klezmer repertoire, technique and style to best suit your school string program. Working closely with your string director or conductor, students will learn klezmer style, phrasing and repertoire and build an interactive ensemble together. Music will be learned by ear and with music. School String Programs are available as a one-time master classes or a longer residency.

Professional and Amateur Klezmer Band Coachings

Using knowledge gleaned from years of concert performances, klezmer workshops and recordings, Steven will coach your local klezmer ensemble in choosing repertoire, identifying roles for instruments in the ensemble and working with Jewish phrasings and stylings for all instruments.