

## Steven Bossert, Violin

Steven Bossert has been a member of the Tampa Bay Symphony since 1999. He started in the 2<sup>nd</sup> violins and is currently a member of the first violin section. He has been a member of the listening committee for the Young Artist Competition and this season he will be the chairperson for the Young Artist Competition. Originally from Rochester, New York Steven earned his B.M. Degree from Ithaca College where he was a student of Linda Case. In 1999 he received his M.M from USF. In addition, Steven has had extensive training in the Suzuki Method. Some of his principal Suzuki trainers include, Sandy Reuning from Ithaca Talent Education, Ed Krietman, and Pat D'Ecrole. He taught orchestra for 3 years in Binghamton, NY as well as performed with the BC Pops Orchestra, Binghamton Symphony and Catskill Symphony Orchestras. After moving to Florida in 1993 Steven has taught orchestra/strings for the Hillsborough County school District. During this time he co-wrote the elementary string curriculum for Hillsborough County and recently co-wrote the high school orchestra curriculum for the district which is now used as the model for the state of Florida. He has taught all levels from kindergarten through high school. He has been the orchestra director at H. B. Plant High School in Tampa since 2001. During this time the orchestra program has grown from 12 string students in one orchestra to over 150 string students in 5 orchestras. In 2012 the Plant Chamber Orchestra was selected to perform for the President's Opening Concert at the FMEA All State Conference in Tampa. In March of 2018 the Plant Philharmonic Orchestra was selected to perform at the ASTA National Convention in Atlanta, Ga.

In addition, Steven is a very active clinician and adjudicator throughout the state of Florida. He has served on the state Florida Orchestra Association board as district chair. For the last 4 years he has been and is currently the FOA 9/10 Concert All State Orchestra Coordinator. He has taught in the summer for the Florida Suzuki Music Institute in St Petersburg which enjoys very much. He maintains a private studio in the Town and Country area of Tampa. His private students consistently earns places in the Hillsborough All County as well as the All State orchestras. Steven also enjoys performing in several string quartets for weddings and events throughout the Tampa Bay area. In the past, he was the concertmaster for the Tampa's Mostly Pops Orchestra and has played with several regional orchestras.

In his spare time, Steven enjoys running in many of the local triathlon races. He has completed 3 Ironman 70.3 races and will be running 2 more this summer and fall. He is a member of the OutSpokin Multisport Team as well as Inner Fire Endurance.