

## **EDWARD COSTER**

Ed has been active in the music world for many years both in South Africa and the United States. Starting off as a violinist, the viola became his instrument of choice, although he stills plays the violin when an opportunity arises. He played for the South African Chamber Orchestra under the direction of Betty Pack. The highlight of this orchestra was a tour of Israel as part of a goodwill mission in 1976. The tour culminated in a performance at Bethlehem Square on Christmas Eve. Later as a member of the South African Broadcasting Symphony orchestra he toured South America; Argentina, Uruguay and Paraguay.

As a chamber musician he was a member of the Klein String Quartet for over 20 year. The quartet performed regularly at concert venues in South Africa. They were often joined by other musicians to perform piano quartets and larger ensembles. Upon immigrating to the United States, Ed joined the Evanston Symphony orchestra in 2007. This volunteer orchestra performs several concerts at Northwestern University's Pick Staiger auditorium each year. He also joined the ESO Board in 2011 serving as the Program Ad Sales coordinator.

Ed has recently moved back to Mequon and has joined the Kettle Moraine Symphony in West Bend. He also has involved several local musicians to join him playing chamber music; piano and string trios as well as wind ensembles. He manages to coordinate everybody's schedules and strives to have all enjoying playing music.