



### Geoff Nuttall

#### *The Charles E. and Andrea L. Volpe Director of Chamber Music*

Geoff Nuttall has served as the Director of Chamber Music at Spoleto Festival USA since 2009. He began playing the violin at age 8 after moving to Ontario from Texas. He spent most of his musical studies under the tutelage of Lorand Fenyves at the Banff Centre for Arts and Creativity, the University of Western Ontario, and the University of Toronto, where he received his bachelor's degree. In 1989, Nuttall co-founded the St. Lawrence String Quartet. As a member of his Grammy-nominated foursome, he has played more than 2,000 concerts around the world. In 2020, the PBS-produced series *Great Performances* invited Nuttall to co-present an episode about his favorite composer, Joseph Haydn, in a documentary miniseries *Now Hear This*, episode: "Haydn: King of Strings." He is now on faculty at Stanford University, where the St. Lawrence String Quartet has been ensemble in residence since 1999, and makes his home in Portola Valley, California, with his wife Livia Sohn and sons, Jack and Ellis. In 2021, the St. Lawrence String Quartet celebrated its 25th anniversary of appearances at Spoleto Festival USA.