

IMPROVISATION WORKSHOP

Community members are invited to a music improvisation workshop with a focus on Appalachian and folk music, featuring guest artist, and virtuoso mandolin player, Jeff Midkiff on Saturday, October, 1, 2022 from 10:00am – 12:00 p.m. in the Bryan Fine Arts Building at Tennessee Tech.

Musicians of all ages, instruments, and genres are invited to attend and participate. Bring your fiddle, mandolin, guitar, cello, bass, uke or whatever and join the fun! With a bachelor's degree in music education, a master's degree in clarinet, and a Distinguished Music Educator Award from Yale, Jeff Midkiff is a master teacher you don't want to miss. He's performed at Carnegie Hall, the Kennedy Center, and the Bean Blossom Bluegrass Festival, and he's also a public-school music educator! Come and watch, or bring your instrument and be ready to learn! This event is free and open to the public.

The workshop will close with a special performance of Midkiff's "Run for Your Life" accompanied by members of the Tennessee Tech String Project and University Orchestra.

On Sunday afternoon, October 2nd, at 3pm Midkiff will perform his concerto for mandolin and orchestra "From the Blue Ridge" with the Bryan Symphony Orchestra. Mr. Midkiff's residency is made possible by Center Stage at Tennessee Tech. Discounted Tickets for the Bryan Symphony performance will be available to workshop attendees.