

# Life Is a Symphony



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## **Meet David Gusakov... violinist and card shark**

A St. Paul native, an Army brat, a Yale grad, and a lifer in the VSO (3 decades), David lives in Bristol. He's proud to be making a living as a full-time musician, which over the years has meant being a member of legendary bands such as Pine Island and Banjo Dan & the Midnite Plowboys.

He co-founded two orchestras (the Amateur Musicians' Orchestra and the Champlain Philharmonic) and conducts the latter plus Vermont Youth Strings.

If you want a strolling musician at your wedding, he's your best man!

Favorite vice: internet poker  
Comfort food: rice pudding  
Favorite movie: *Tom Jones*  
Pet peeve: drivers who take forever to turn

When not playing music or poker, he enjoys birding, fishing, and planning unusual vacations (Iceland!).

Definitely a winning hand.

