

**Susan Reed** is a classical violinist, folk musician, singer and storyteller from the Boston area. Susan is a multi-instrumentalist who uses original songs and stories to work magic with families, on local and national stages. Her aim is to inspire a life-long love of music. Common to all of her performances is a trademark sense of humor and optimism, and her conviction that music has the power to broaden people's understanding of the world around them.

*“Music and storytelling, it is my favorite way to encourage people to think about the world around them or the person sitting right next to them. That’s what I like to do.” Susan Reed*

Before launching her solo career, Susan was Director of Suzuki Studies at New England Conservatory of Music. She is well known in New England as the founder and co-director of the Ogontz Suzuki Institute in Lyman, NH- named one of the “Best Family Camps in US” by *Parents Magazine*. Susan’s formal training includes both a Bachelor and Master of Music Degree in violin performance from the Cleveland Institute of Music.

Susan is delighted to introduce her new CD of songs and stories for families and children, *“Gather.”* It has been awarded a 2008 Parents’ Choice Approved Award as well as a 2008 National Parenting Publications Honors Award (NAPPA.) Her previous CD, *“Earth Songs”* is a winner of a 2006 Parent’s Choice Recommended Award, and a 2006 NAPPA Honor’s Award. Her CD’s, *“Shoes”* and *“Skipping Round The Moon”* were also honored with awards from NAPPA in 2004.

Susan has a new book of dance tunes out as well, called *“Baker’s Dozen.”* In collaboration with Barefoot Books, Susan has recorded *“Playtime Rhymes,”* a collection of children’s playground rhymes and poetry, illustrated by Clare Beaton. Barefoot Books is also underway transforming Susan’s song, *“Up, Up, Up”* into a children’s book. She recently composed and recorded *“Oommm Mmmoo”*, to accompany a children’s yoga book by Villegas Editores. All of Susan’s recordings and books are available on her website: [www.susanreed.com](http://www.susanreed.com)