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## **EDUCATION**

- Currently pursuing a B.M. in Cello Performance at the Cleveland Institute of Music, starting August 2018
- Academy of the Music Institute of Chicago, August 2014 - May 2018
- Indiana Connections Academy, High School Diploma, Core 40 with Academic Honors, Top 20 Distinguishment, completed May 2017

## **PRIVATE TEACHERS**

- Dr. Melissa Kraut, Professor of Cello, Cleveland Institute of Music, starting August 2018
- Hans Jørgen Jensen, Professor of Cello, Northwestern University, June 2014 - present
- Dr. Kurt Fowler, Professor of Cello, Indiana State University, August 2011 - June 2014
- Susan Moses, co-director, Indiana University String Academy, August 2008 - July 2012
- Elizabeth Efroymsen-Brooks, Indianapolis Suzuki Academy, August 2004 - August 2008

## **MASTERCLASSES/LESSONS**

- Richard Aaron
- Stephen Balderston
- Colin Carr
- Timothy Eddy
- Amir Eldan
- Norman Fischer
- Clive Greensmith
- Richard Hirschl
- Eric Kim
- Anthony Kitai
- Jonathan Koh
- Mark Kosower
- Antonio Lysy
- Daniel Morgenstern
- Peter Opie
- Merry Peckham
- Amit Peled
- Sharon Robinson
- Peter Stumpf
- Paul York
- Beiliang Zhu
- Pinchas Zukerman

## **HONORS/AWARDS/COMPETITIONS**

- Gold Medalist at the Fischhoff National Chamber Competition Junior Division with the Kairos String Quartet, May 2018
- First Prize winner of the M-Prize Chamber Arts Competition Junior Strings with the Kairos String Quartet, May 2018
- Silver Medalist at the St. Paul String Quartet Competition with the Kairos String Quartet, April 2018
- Grand Prize Winner of the A.N. and Pearl G. Barnett Chamber Competition with the Kairos String Quartet, April 2018

- First Prize winner of the Rembrandt Chamber Musicians Chamber Music Competition and named the 2018 Rembrandt Young Artists with the Kairos String Quartet, January 2018
- Winner of the Indiana State Regionals of the MTNA Competition, October 2017
- Third Prize winner of the M-Prize Chamber Arts Competition Junior Strings Division with the Invictus Piano Quartet, May 2017
- Second Prize winner of the A.N. and Pearl G. Barnett Chamber Music Competition Strings Division with the Invictus Piano Quartet, April 2017
- First Prize winner of the Fort Wayne Philharmonic Young Artist Competition Senior Division, March 2017
- Winner of the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra Side-by-Side Program Concerto competition, January 2017
- Silver Medalist of the Muncie Symphony Orchestra Young Artist Competition Senior Division, January 2017
- First Prize winner of the New World Youth Orchestra Young Artist Competition Senior Division, January 2016
- First Prize winner of the Carmel Symphony Orchestra Young Artist Competition, December 2015

### **SOLO PERFORMANCES**

- Solo Performance of C.P.E. Bach's Concerto in A Major, Mvt III with the Academy of the Music Institute of Chicago Chamber Orchestra, later broadcasted on WFMT's *Introductions*, March 2018
- Solo Performance of Dvořák Cello Concerto, Mvt I with the Muncie Symphony Orchestra, October 2017
- Multiple solo and chamber performances at the Heifetz International Music Institute, June - August 2017
- Solo Performance of Dvořák Cello Concerto, Mvt I with the Fort Wayne Philharmonic, April 2017
- Solo Performance of Dvořák Cello Concerto, Mvt I with the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra, March 2017
- Solo Performance of Kabalevsky's Cello Concerto No. 2 with the New World Youth Symphony Orchestra, May 2016
- Solo Performance of Popper's *Hungarian Rhapsody* with the Carmel Symphony Orchestra, January 2016
- Solo recital as part of the Music Institute of Chicago's "100 Performances in 16 Days" Festival, April 2015

### **CHAMBER PERFORMANCES**

- Cellist of the Kairos String Quartet, September 2017 – May 2018
- Featured performer at the Music Institute of Chicago's Anniversary Gala with the Kairos String Quartet, May 2018
- Fischhoff Chamber Competition Winner's gala performance broadcasted on public television with the Kairos String Quartet, May 2018
- Featured performer on WFMT's *Introductions* program on a live taping with the Kairos String Quartet, April 2018
- Winner's Concert of the Rembrandt Chamber Players Chamber Music Competition with the Kairos String Quartet, April 2018
- Cellist of the Invictus Piano Quartet, September 2016 - May 2017
- Featured performer with the Invictus Piano Quartet on the Pilgrim Chamber Players "Stars of Tomorrow" concert series, April 2017

- Cellist of the Akros Piano Trio, September 2015 - May 2016
- Featured Performer on WFMT's *Introductions* program with the Akros Piano Trio, April 2016

### **ORCHESTRA PERFORMANCES**

- Cellist in the Academy of the Music Institute of Chicago Chamber Orchestra, September 2014 – May 2018
- Cellist and two-time principal in the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra Side-by-Side Orchestra, 2014 - 2017
- Cellist in the Chicago Youth in Music Festival Symphony Orchestra, February 2016
- New World Youth Orchestras, August 2006 - May 2015; principal of the Symphony Orchestra for five years; performances of note include the principal cello part of Rimsky-Korsakov's *Scheherazade*, Dvořák's New World Symphony, and Tchaikovsky's Fourth Symphony

### **SUMMER PROGRAMS**

- Festival de Ecoles d'Art Americaines de Fontainebleau, 2018
- Professional Performance Artist at the Boston Music Institute 12-Hour Masterclasses, 2018
- Heifetz International Music Institute, 2016 & 2017
- Meadowmount School of Music, 2014 & 2015
- Sewanee Summer Music Festival, 2013
- Indiana University Summer String Academy, 2010 – 2012

### **ACTIVITIES**

- Public Relations Coordinator at Ovation Press, August 2017 – May 2018
- Dancer and teaching assistant at the Academy of Dance Arts with a focus in ballet, lyrical, and modern dance; performances included *Les Sylphides*, *Swan Lake*, *The Littlest Angel*, being a featured soloist in excerpts from *Coppelia*, and many modern and lyrical pieces choreographed by Dance Kaleidoscope dancers; August 2003 - June 2017

### **REFERENCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST**