Lydia Rhea

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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 Efroymson-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 Fischoff 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
* Fischoff 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 Fountainebleau, 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**