

## **Jan Vargas Nedvetsky**

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American cellist of Russian Colombian descent, chamber performer and concert recitalist, winner of competitions and scholarships, champion of music education in public schools, advocate for access to live classical music in every community throughout the United States.

Merit Scholarship Fellow in Cello Performance

### **Academy of the Music Institute of Chicago**

*2019-2025\**

Fellowship at the pre-conservatory program, an internationally recognized training center for advanced pre-college musicians. Solo, chamber and orchestral experience, master classes, community engagement, career training, music theory and solfeggio.

*\*Projected graduation date*

Merit Scholarship Holder in Cello Performance

### **Musikakademie in Liechtenstein**

*2023-current*

Fellowship at the internationally acclaimed training center for string and piano soloists. Solo recitals and master classes.

Fellow in Cello Performance

### **Chicago Musical Pathways Initiative**

*2020-current*

Orchestral training and career guidance for young minority musicians from under-represented backgrounds

Media Lab Fellow

### **From The Top**

*2024-2025*

Solo cello performance, radio show production for national broadcast, digital content creation, community engagement.

Co-Founder

**Musicians For Hope** <https://www.musiciansforhopenet/>

*2023-current*

Fundraising activities to provide material support for under-funded music programs in Chicago-area public schools. Identifying and communicating with candidate programs, event planning, concert organizing, concert performance, teacher and student engagement, fundraising, community engagement.

## **Music Education:**

### **Cello performance**

- Cello performance study with Prof. Hans Jorgen Jensen  
*2021-current*
- Cello performance study with Horacio Contreras and Valdimir Perline  
*2016-2021*
- Cello performance study with Gilda Barston  
*2012-2016*

**Masterclasses** with Jens Peter Maintz, Ivan Monighetti, Jerome Pernoo, Clive Greensmith, Richard Aaron, Luis Claret, John Sharp, Richard Hirschl, Edward Arron, Astrid Schween, Brandon Vamos, Ivan Karizna, Brannon Cho, JiHee Kim, and Tanya Carey.

**Chamber music study** with Menahem Pressler, Ivri Gitlis, Mattias Tacke, Rodolfo Viera, Todd Phillips, Sian Darren Lee, Sang Mee Lee, Jasmin Lin, Talich Quartet, Leipzig Quartet, Prazak Quartet, Quarteto Latinoamericano.

**Orchestral music study** with James Setapen, Leonid Kerbel, Kyle Dickson, Aaron Kaplan.

**Solfeggio and Music Theory** with Marina Zubrich, James Setapen, Deborah Maslowski, Matthew Hagle, and Mischa Zupko.

**Composition study** with Matthew Hagle

### **Summer Programs:**

- Gstaad Menuhin String Academy, Gstaad, Switzerland, 2024
- Chamber Music Intensive at the Cleveland Institute of Music, Cleveland, OH, 2024
- Meadowmount School of Music, Lewis, NY, 2023, 2022
- Moulin D'Ande Masterclasses 2019-2021
- Musica Mundi International School and Festival, Waterloo, Belgium, 2016-2021

**Academic Education:**

- North Atlantic Regional High School  
*2021-current*
- Art of Problem-Solving Online School  
*2017-current*
- John Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth  
*2021-2023*

**Competition Achievements in Solo Performance:**

- 2025 Presidential Scholar in the Arts Candidate, National Endowment for the Arts and YoungArts Foundation
- 2024 Winner with Distinction in Cello Performance, National YoungArts Foundation
- 2024 Central Oregon Concerto Competition
- 2024 Lakeview Concerto Competition
- 2024 Sphinx Competition
- 2024 President's Own United States Marine Band Competition
- 2023 Chicago Symphony Orchestra Young Artist Competition
- 2019-2023 DePaul National Concerto Competition
- 2019-2022 Walgreens National Concerto Competition
- 2015, 2020, 2022 Society of American Musicians Competition
- 2020,2021 Chicago Chamber Orchestra Concerto Competition
- 2020,2021 Chicago International Music Competition

**Competition Achievements in Chamber Performance:**

- 2019-2023 Fischhoff National Chamber Music Competition
- 2020-2023 St Paul String Quartet National Competition
- 2019, 2021 Barnett National Chamber Music Competition
- 2021 Chicago National Chamber Music Competition
- 2020 Rembrandt National Chamber Music Competition

**Merit Scholarships and Career Grants:**

- Academy of the Music Institute of Chicago 2019-2024
- Musikakademie in Liechtenstein 2023-2024
- YoungArts Foundation 2024
- Gstaad-Menuhin Academy 2024
- Chicago Musical Pathway Initiative 2022-2023
- Lisker Foundation 2021

### **Notable Solo Performances 2024:**

- New World Symphony Center, Miami, Florida  
*East West Miniatures Isang Yun*
- Musikakademie Liechtenstein, Eschen, Liechtenstein  
*Tchaikovsky Rococo Variations*
- Central Oregon Symphony, Bend, Oregon  
*Tchaikovsky Rococo Variations*
- Lakeview Symphony, Chicago, Illinois  
*Tchaikovsky Rococo Variations*
- President's Own United States Marine Band Competition, Washington, DC  
*Haydn Cello Concerto no.1 in C Major*
- Arts Council Recital, Salmon, Idaho  
*Works by Bach, Beethoven, Tchaikovsky, Villa-Lobos*
- Gstaad Festival, Gstaad, Switzerland  
*Works by Beethoven and Locatelli*
- WFMT Chicago Classical Radio  
*Works by Beethoven, Tchaikovsky, Locatelli and Judith Weir*
- From The Top NPR  
*Locatelli Cello Sonata in D*

### **Notable Solo Performances 2023:**

- Chicago Symphony Orchestra Hall, Chicago, IL with Civic Orchestra of Chicago  
*Haydn Cello Concerto no.2 in D Major*
- Oistrakh Symphony Orchestra, Chicago, IL  
*Haydn Cello Concerto no.2 in D Major*
- Musikakademie in Liechtenstein  
*Works by Beethoven*

### **Upcoming Solo Performances:**

- Academy of the Music Institute of Chicago Chamber Orchestra, Evanston, IL  
*Haydn Cello Concerto no.1 in C Major*
- Musikakademie in Liechtenstein, Eschen, Liechtenstein  
*Solo recital*
- Masterclass with Johannes Moser, Chicago Symphony Orchestra Hall  
*Dvorak Cello Concerto in B minor*
- Northbrook Symphony Orchestra, Northbrook, IL  
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- CMPI Recital at the Chicago Symphony Orchestra Hall, Chicago, IL