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American cellist

Co-Founder Musicians for Hope.

Endowed Bienen Scholarship; McDowell Scholarship

Bienen School of Music at Northwestern University

2025 - current

Cello Performance Major, Prof. Hans Jorgen Jensen, Bienen School of Music

American History, Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences

Merit Scholarship Holder in Cello Performance

Musikakademie in Liechtenstein

2023-2026

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

Richard D. Colburn Scholarship in Artistic Excellence in Cello Performance

Academy of the Music Institute of Chicago

2019-2025

Fellowship at the internationally acclaimed training center for advanced pre-college musicians. Solo, chamber and orchestral experience, master classes, career training, music theory, and solfeggio.

Fellow in Cello Performance

Chicago Musical Pathways Initiative

2020-2025

Orchestral training and career guidance for pre-college musicians from under-represented backgrounds. Master classes and workshops with internationally acclaimed artists.

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

Community outreach and material support for underfunded music programs in Chicago-area public schools.

Music Education:

Cello performance

- Northwestern University Bienen School of Music studio of Prof. Hans Jorgen Jensen
2025-current
- Music Academy of Liechtenstein studio of Prof. Jens Peter Maintz
2023-2025
Music Academy of Liechtenstein studio of Prof. Ivan Monighetti
2026
- Music Institute of Chicago Academy studio of Prof. Hans Jorgen Jensen
2020-2025
- Music Institute of Chicago academy studio of Prof. Horacio Contreras
2019-2020
- Music Institute of Chicago Community School studio of Prof. Horacio Contreras
2017-2020
- Private lessons Prof. Valdimir Perline
2016-2020
- Music Institute of Chicago Community School studio of Gilda Barston
2011- 2016
- **Masterclasses** with Jens Peter Maintz, Ivan Monighetti, Clive Greensmith, Richard Aaron, Luis Claret, Jerome Pernoo, Johannes Moser, Mark Kosower, John Sharp, Richard Hirschl, Edward Arron, Astrid Schween, Colin Carr, Brandon Vamos, Ivan Karizna, Brannon Cho, Sihao He, and Tanya Carey.
- **Chamber music study** with Menahem Pressler, Ivri Gitlis, Mattias Tacke, Rodolfo Viera, Todd Phillips, Si-Yan Darren Lee, Jesse Montgomery, Sang Mee Lee, Elaine Felder, Paul Zafer, Jasmin Lin, Talich Quartet, Leipzig Quartet, Prazak Quartet, Quarteto Latinoamericano, Pacifica Quartet, Kronos Quartet, Caroline Coade, Ayani Kosaza.
- **Orchestral music study** with Harvey Felder, James Setapen,
- **Solfeggio and Music Theory** with Marina Zubrich, James Setapen, Deborah Maslowski, Matthew Hagle, and Mischa Zupko.
- **Composition study** with Matthew Hagle

Summer Programs:

- Meadowmount School of Music, Lewis, NY, 2022, 2023, 2025
- Gstaad Menuhin String Academy, Gstaad, Switzerland, 2024
- String Quartet Intensive at the Cleveland Institute of Music, Cleveland, OH, 2024
- Moulin D'Ande Masterclasses, Moulin D'Ande, France, 2019-2021
- Musica Mundi International School and Festival, Waterloo, Belgium, 2016-2021

Academic Education:

- *2025-current* Weinberg College of Art and Sciences, Northwestern University
- *2021-2025* North Atlantic Regional High School
- *2021-2023* John Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth

Academic Awards:

- 2025 Presidential Scholar in the Arts
- 2024 Advanced Placement Scholar Award, College Board U.S.

Competition Achievements in Solo Performance:

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

Competition Achievements in Chamber Performance:

- 2020-2023, 2025 Winner Saint Paul String Quartet Competition
- 2025 Winner Rembrandt Chamber Music Competition
- 2025 Winner Chicago National Chamber Music Competition
- 2025 Finalist Coltman National Chamber Music Competition
- 2019-2023, 2025 Semi-Finalist Fischhoff National Chamber Music Competition
- 2019, 2021 Winner Barnett National Chamber Music Competition
- 2021 Winner Chicago National Chamber Music Competition

Merit Scholarships and Career Grants:

- MacDowell Scholarship
- Bienen Endowed scholarship
- Richard D. Colburn Scholarship in Artistic Excellence, Academy of the Music Institute of Chicago
- Merit Scholarship Musikakademie in Liechtenstein
- National Endowment for the Arts
- YoungArts Foundation
- Gstaad-Menuhin Academy
- Chicago Musical Pathway Initiative
- Lisker Foundation

Recent Solo Performances

- **November 2025** Solo Recital Shostakovich and Wijeratne, Dame Myra Hess Memorial Series, Chicago, IL
- **August 2025** Shostakovich Cello Concerto no.1, Meadowmount School of Music, Westport, NY
- **June 2025** Dvorak Cello Concerto with West Suburban Orchestra Wentz Hall, Naperville, IL
- **March 2025** Dvorak Cello Concerto with Oistrakh Symphony Orchestra, Holtschneider Performance Center, Chicago IL
- **January 2025** Dvorak Cello Concerto with Northbrook Symphony Orchestra, Sheely Center for the Performing Arts, Northbrook, IL
- **November 2024** Haydn Cello Concerto no.1 with Academy String Orchestra, Nichols Concert Hall, Evanston, IL
- **April 2024** Tchaikovsky Rococo Variations with Lakeview Symphony Orchestra, Athenaeum Theater for thought and Culture, Chicago, IL

- **February 2024** Tchaikovsky Rococo Variations with Central Oregon Symphony Orchestra, Bend, OR
- **January 2024** Haydn Cello Concerto no.2 with Civic Orchestra of Chicago, Chicago Symphony Orchestra Hall, Chicago, IL
- **September 2023** Haydn Cello Concerto no.2 with Oistrakh Symphony Orchestra, Holtschneider Performance Center, Chicago IL

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