Jan Vargas Nedvetsky

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American cellist
Co-Founder *Musicians for Hope*
U.S. Presidential Scholar in the Arts

Endowed Bienen Scholarship; McDowell Scholarship
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
Cello performance study with Profs Jens Peter Maintz and Ivan Monighetti. 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
  2023-2026
  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
  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, Edward Arron, Astrid Schween, Colin Carr, Brandon Vamos, Ivan Karizna, Brannon Cho, Sihao He.
- **Chamber music study/performance** with Menahem Pressler, Ivri Gitlis, Simon Bernardini, Mattias Tacke, Todd Phillips, Jesse Montgomery, Rodolfo Viera, Goethe Quartet, Talich Quartet, Leipzig Quartet, Prazak Quartet, Quarteto Latinoamericano, Pacifica Quartet, Kronos Quartet, Dover Quartet.
- **Orchestral music study** with Harvey Felder, James Setapen,
- **Solfeggio and Music Theory** with Marina Zubrich, James Setapen, Matthew Hagle, and Mischa Zupko.
- **Composition study** with Matthew Hagle

Summer Programs:

- Villars Institute Music Academy, Villars-Sur-Ollon, Switzerland, 2026
- Meadowmount School of Music, Lewis, NY, 2022, 2023, 2025,2026
- 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 U.S. Presidential Scholar
- 2024 Advanced Placement Scholar Award, College Board U.S.

Competition Achievements in Solo Performance:

- 2026 Laureate Villars Music Academy
- 2025 U.S. Presidential Scholar in the Arts
- 2025 Winner with Distinction in Cello Performance, National Endowment for the Arts and YoungArts Foundation
- 2025 Winner DePaul National Concerto Competition
- 2025 Winner West Suburban Symphony Orchestra Concerto Competition
- 2024 Winner Central Oregon Concerto Competition
- 2024 Winner Lakeview Concerto Competition
- 2024 Finalist President's Own United States Marine Band Competition
- 2022-2024 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 Fischoff 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 Notable Solo Performances (2023-2026)

- **September 2026** Solo recitals: Bach, Bruch, Franck, Taylor-Perkinson. Salmon Arts Council Artistic residency, Salmon, Idaho.
- **September 2026** Solo recital: Bach, Bruch, Franck. Crossroads Concert Series, Evanston, Illinois.
- **July 2026 J.S.** Bach, Coleridge-Taylor Perkinson, Inaugural solo performance at the opening of Obama Presidential Center, Chicago, IL
- **June 2026** Elgar Cello Concerto, Music Academy of Liechtenstein, Nendeln, Liechtenstein
- **June 2026** Elgar Cello Concerto, Nichols Hall Performance Series, Evanston, IL, USA
- **January 2026** Shostakovich Cello Concerto no.1 Nichols Hall Performance Series, Evanston, IL, USA
- **November 2025** Solo recital: Shostakovich and Wijeratne, Dame Myra Hess Memorial Series, Chicago, IL, USA
- **November 2025** Solo recital, Rembrandt Chamber Players Series, Chicago, IL, USA
- **August 2025** Shostakovich Cello Concerto no.1, Meadowmount School of Music, Westport, NY, USA

- **June 2025** Dvorak Cello Concerto, West Suburban Orchestra, Wentz Hall, Naperville, IL
- **March 2025** Dvorak Cello Concerto, Oistrakh Symphony Orchestra, Holtschneider Performance Center, Chicago IL
- **February 2025** Solo recital: Locatelli, Judith Weir, From the Top Series, Chicago, IL
- **January 2025** Dvorak Cello Concerto, Northbrook Symphony Orchestra, Sheely Center for the Performing Arts, Northbrook, IL
- **November 2024** Haydn Cello Concerto no.1, Academy String Orchestra, Nichols Concert Hall, Evanston, IL
- **April 2024** Tchaikovsky Rococo Variations, Lakeview Symphony Orchestra, Athenaeum Theater for thought and Culture, Chicago, IL
- **February 2024** Tchaikovsky Rococo Variations, Central Oregon Symphony Orchestra, Bend, Oregon
- **January 2024** Haydn Cello Concerto no.2, Civic Orchestra of Chicago, Chicago Symphony Orchestra Hall, Chicago, IL
- **September 2023** Haydn Cello Concerto no.2, Oistrakh Symphony Orchestra, Holtschneider Performance Center, Chicago IL

Recent notable chamber performances: (2023-2026)

- **July 2026** Mendelssohn Octet, Villars Sur Ollon, Switzerland.
- **June 2026** Borodin Quintet with Goethe String Quartet, Nendeln, Liechtenstein.
- **May 2026** Brahms String Quartet no.1 with Elsinore String Quartet, Evanston, IL.
- **August 2025** Philip Glass String Quartet No.5, Young Artist Performance Series, Meadowmount School of Music, Lewis, NY.
- **March-June 2025** Haydn, Bartok, Mendelssohn, Wijeratne with Caspian String Quartet Chicago, IL; South Bend, IN; Austin, TX; Milwaukee, WI; St Paul, MN.
- **November 2024** Brahms Piano Quartet with Kronberg Academy Fellows, Nendeln, Liechtenstein.
- **June 2024** Brahms String Quartet in A minor, Dvorak String Quartet in F Major, Mixon Hall, CIM String Quartet Fellowship, Cleveland Institute of Music, Cleveland OH.
- **May 2024** Villa-Lobos Bachianas Brasileiras with the Music Institute of Chicago Academy Chamber Ensemble, Marin Alsop conductor, Chicago, Illinois.
- **March-June 2023** Haydn, Puccini, Prokofiev, Lau with Calcifer String Quartet, Chicago, IL; St Paul, MN; Milwaukee, WI; South Bend, IN.

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