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Education

- Present DMA candidate at Stony Brook University under Colin Carr
- 2016 Professional Study Diploma from Manhattan School of Music under Philippe Muller
- 2015 Master of Music of Cello Performance from Mannes College of Music under Timothy Eddy
- 2013 Bachelor of Music of Cello Performance from Mannes College of Music under Timothy Eddy (Graduated with Honors)
- 2009 Music Middle and High School Affiliated of Shanghai Conservatory of Music under Professor Da-Hai LIU
- 2006 Exchange Student Program with Scotch College, Melbourne, Australia under Svetlana Bogosavcsevic
- 2003 Music Junior School Affiliated of Shanghai Conservatory of Music under Professor Da-Hai LIU

Master Classes

- 2016 Sonata Master Class with Robert McDonald
- 2015 Cello Master Class with Julia Lichten
- 2014 Chamber Master Class with the Orion String Quartet
- 2013 Cello Master Class with Matt Haimovitz
- 2013 Cello Master Class with Natasha Brofsky
- 2012 Cello Master Class with Hai-Ye Ni
- 2012 Chamber Master Class with Steve Tenenbom
- 2011 Cello Master Class with Mr. Andrés Díaz
- 2008 Cello Master Class of Mr. Hekun WU
- 2007 Chamber Music Master Class with Mr. Hatto Beyerle and Moscow Rachmaninov Piano Trio
- 2007 Cello Master Class of Mr. Carter Enyeart

Chamber Music Coaches

Shmuel Ashkenasi	Robert Levin	Arnaud Sussmann
Noah Bendix-Balgley	Robert McDonald	Michael Tree
Hatto Beyerle	Nicholas McGegan	Borromeo String Quartet
Paul Biss	Charles Neidich	Brentano String Quartet
Mariam Fried	Daniel Panner	Emerson String Quartet
Douglas Humpherys	Heasook Rhee	Orion String Quartet
Gilbert Kalish	Marcy Rosen	Shanghai String Quartet
Mark Kaplan	Sylvia Rosenberg	Moscow Rachmaninov Piano Trio
Ralph Kirshbaum	Hagai Shaham	
Mikhail Kopelman	Joseph Silverstein	

Orchestra

- 2016-Present Tenured Full-Time Section Cellist in Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra, Ward Stare, Music Director, Rochester, NY
- 2012-2016 Principal Cellist of Ensemble 212, Yoon Jae Lee, Music Director, Manhattan, NY
- 2011-2015 Principal Cellist of Mannes Orchestra, David Hayes, Music Director, Mannes College of Music, NY
- 2011-2015 Principal Cellist of Mannes Opera Orchestra, Joseph Colaneri, Music Director, Mannes College of Music, NY
- 2007-2008 Principal Cello of the Symphony Orchestra and Chamber Orchestra of the Shanghai Music Middle School and High School Affiliated of Shanghai Conservatory of Music

Teaching

- 2018-2020 Teaching Assistant of Chamber Music at Gong Geng Academy Summer Festival in China (assisting Ian Swensen, Wei He, Bing Wang, Yunjie Jay Liu and Qiang Tu)
- 2016-2018 Teaching Assistant of Orchestral Studies at Stony Brook University
- 2016 Summer Cello Faculty of Beijing International Music Festival and Academy
- 2011 – 2015 Cello Faculty of Manhasset School of Music in Long Island, NY
- 2010 – 2013 Cello Teacher in East-West Music Institute in Flushing, NY
- 2007 – 2009 Cello Instructor of Shanghai LuWan District Youth Activity Center, China
- 2007 – 2009 Teaching Assistant of Professor Dahai Liu in Shanghai, China

Awards and Accomplishments

- 2019 Featured Young Artist Interview by the Shanghai Concert Hall, China
- 2016 Dean's Award from Manhattan School of Music
- 2015 Member of Featured String Quartet Group of Heifetz Institute 2015-2016
- 2013-2015 C.V Starr Partial Scholarship Award
- 2013 Dean's Award from Mannes College of Music
- 2009-2015 Goldsmith Foundation Award
- 2009-2013 C.V. Starr Full Scholarship Award
- 2008 Cyrus Tang Scholarship Award from the Music Middle/High School Affiliated of Shanghai Conservatory of Music
- 2006 Full Scholarship and Travel Grant from the Scotch College Exchange Student Program

Competition

- 2018 Winner of the Lauren V. Ackerman Chamber Music Competition, piano trio with Dami Kim and Miki Aoki
- 2016 Alternate Winner of the Eisenberg Fried Strings Competition
- 2008 Awarded Excellent Performance in the 6th National Violoncello Competition in Beijing, China
- 2007 3rd Price of Linghua Chamber Music Competition as the youngest prize winner since majority of the participants
- 2006 Winner of Bode Chamber Music Competition in Shanghai, China

Music Festivals

- 2020 Ravinia Festival | Stean's Music Institute
Gong Geng Academy Summer Festival in China
- 2019 Ravinia Festival | Stean's Music Institute with Marcy Rosen, Frans Helmerson, Timothy Eddy, Ralph Kirshbaum, Gary Hoffman, Paul Biss, Miriam Fried and Mark Steinberg
Gong Geng Academy Summer Festival in Sui Chang, China with Wei He, Ian Swensen, Yunjie Jay Liu, Qiang Tu and Musicians from Tianjin Juilliard and Hangzhou Philharmonic Orchestra
- 2018 Artist-in-Residence at Heifetz International Music Institute
Gong Geng Academy Summer Festival in Li Shui, China with Wei He, Ian Swensen, Yunjie Jay Liu and Qiang Tu
- 2016 Beijing International Music Festival and Academy with Jerome Lowenthal, Herbert Greenberg
- 2015 Kirshbaum and Ashkenazi String Quartet Seminar at Heifetz International Music Institute with Paul Katz, Timothy Eddy, Christoph Henkel, Laurence Lesser, Ralph Kirshbaum, Shmuel Ashkenazi, Atar Arad, Mark Kaplan
- 2013 Sarasota Music Festival with Brinton Averil Smith, Timothy Eddy, Desmond Hoebig, Charles Neidich, Noah Bendix-Balgley, Joseph Silverstein, Nicholas Mcgegan and Robert Levin
- 2011 Taos Chamber Music Festival with Borromeo String Quartet, Brentano String Quartet, Shanghai String Quartet, Michael Tree and Robert McDonald
- 2010 Heifetz International Music Institute with Colin Carr, Timothy Eddy, Hans Jorgen Jensen, Amit Peled, James Buswell, Daniel Phillips, Paul Biss and Carol Ou
- 2009 Morningside Music Bridge in Gdansk, Poland with John Katz, Laurence Lesser and Desmond Hoebig
- 2008 Performing Arts Institute, Wyoming Seminary College Preparatory School

Solo Performances and Recitals

- 2019 Chamber Music with Eastman School Students
Mendelssohn, Cello Sonata No.1 in B-flat Major
Recital at Stony Brook University
Schumann, Adagio and Allegro; Beethoven, Cello Sonata No.5 in D Major; Strauss, Cello Sonata in F Major
House Concert in Scarsdale, NY
Barber, Cello Sonata in c minor; Prokofiev, Cello Sonata in C Major; Strauss, Cello Sonata in F Major
- 2018 Heifetz International Music Institute, Festival Concert 2018
Beethoven, Cello Sonata No.4 in C Major; Brahms, Cello Sonata No.2 in F Major
Afternoon Chamber Series at Shanghai Concert Hall, China
Schumann, Fantasy Pieces; Beethoven, Cello Sonata No.4 in C Major; Poulenc, Cello Sonata
Xiaduo Sunday Concert Series in Shanghai, China
Debussy, Intermezzo; Jean Émile Paul Cras, Largo; Debussy, Cello Sonata, Poulenc, Cello Sonata

- 2017 Afternoon Chamber Series at Shanghai Concert Hall, China
Brahms, Cello Sonata No.1 in E minor; Beethoven, Cello Sonata No.5 in D Major
- 2016 A Russian Experiment, Vladimir Feltsman, Director
Alexander Mosolov, Legenda, Op.5 (1924); Mieczyslaw Weinberg, Preludes for Solo Cello, Op.100 (1968)
- Young Artist Concert of Beijing International Music Festival and Academy
Brahms, Cello Sonata No.2 in F Major
- Afternoon Chamber Series at Shanghai Concert Hall, China
Bach, Cello Suite No.6 in D Major; Schubert, Arpeggione Sonata
- Afternoon Chamber Series at Shanghai Concert Hall, China
Schumann, Adagio and Allegro; Debussy, Cello Sonata; Beethoven, Cello Sonata No.2 in G minor
- Manhattan School of Music Bach Festival Concert
Bach, Cello Suite No.6 in D Major
- 2015 International Young Artist Salon Series at National Theater in Beijing, China
Tchaikovsky, Pezzo Capriccioso; Schumann, Fantasy Pieces; Debussy, Cello Sonata
- Stars of Tomorrow Concert Series at Heifetz International Music Institute
Debussy, Cello Sonata; Dvorak, Cello Concerto
- Young Artist Concert Series of David G Whitcomb Foundation
Beethoven, Cello Sonata No.3 in A Major; Debussy, Cello Sonata; Mendelssohn, Cello Sonata No.2 in D Major
- Music of Our Time 2015 presented by The American Jewish Historical Society and The American Society for Jewish Music
Laura Kaiminsky, Duo for Cello and Piano (New York Premiere)
- Mannes Sounds Festival Series – Concert at House of The Redeemer
Mendelssohn, Cello Sonata No.2 in D Major
- A Evening of Duos Concert Series, Audrey Axinn, Director
Stravinsky, Suite Italienne for cello and piano
- 2014 Recital of The Niskayuna Branch Library Music Series
Beethoven, Cello Sonata No.3 in A Major; Schumann, Fantasy Pieces; Mendelssohn, Cello Sonata No.2 in D Major
- Recital in Shanghai Conservatory
Bach, Cello suite No.5; Mendelssohn, Cello Sonata No.2 in D Major; Rachmaninoff, Cello Sonata
- Recital at 74th Street Residence in New York City
Brahms, Cello Sonata No.1 in e minor; Beethoven, Cello Sonata No.3 in A Major
- Finalist Recital of Jefferson Symphony International Young Artist Competition
- 2013 Schumann Concerto with Mannes Orchestra in Mannes Concert Hall, NY
- Recital of The Ernst C. Stefel Chamber Music Series
Beethoven, Cello Sonata No.4 in C minor; Schumann, Fantasy Pieces
- Student Showcase at Mannes College of Music
- 2011 New Music Concert featured by Ensemble 212
Huang Ruo, Four Fragments for Solo Cello (New York Premiere)
- 2010 Stars of Tomorrow Concert Series at Heifetz International Music Institute
Paganini, Moses Variation; Sarasate, Zapateado; Betiz, Carmen Fantasy for Five Cellos (Solo Cello)

Chamber Performance

- 2019 **Gong Geng Academy Festival Concerts**
Mozart, Clarinet Quintet; Golijov, Last Round; Schubert, C Major String Quintet
- Chamber Music with Eastman School Students**
Dvorak, Piano Quintet in A Major; Mendelssohn, Piano Trio No.1 in D Minor
- Bennett Gorden Series at Ravinia Festival**
Mendelssohn, Octet; Schoenberg, Verklärte Nacht, Op.4 with Paul Biss; Berg, Lyric Suite
- Society for Chamber Music in Rochester - "German Masters"**
Mendelssohn, String Quintet No.2 in B-flat Major; Beethoven, "Storm" String Quintet
- Starry Night Concert Series with Hagai Shaham and Colin Carr**
Schubert, Notturmo; Villa-Lobos, Bachianas No.4 and No.5
- 2018 **Gong Geng Academy Festival Concerts**
Debussy, String Quartet, Ravel, Sonata for Violin and Cello; Schubert, Death and Maiden
- Heifetz International Music Institute, Festival Concert 2018**
Schubert, Piano Trio No.1 in B-flat Major
- Stony Brook Chamber Festival Concert with Philip Setzer, Paul Watkins and Larry Dutton**
Brahms, String Sextet No.1 in B-flat Major; Arensky, String Quartet for two Cellos
- Lecture Recital at Stony Brook University**
Brahms, Piano Trio in B Major, Op.8 (1854 version)
- "Why The Caged Bird Sings" presented by the Mimesis Ensemble in Carnegie Hall**
El-Dabh, String Quartet No.1: Metamorphosis and Fugue on Egyptian Folklore; Fairouz, A Prayer to the New Year
- 2017 **Gong Geng Academy Festival Concert**
Niccolo Athens, Theme with Five Variations for Gu Qin and String Quartet; Schubert, C Major String Quintet
- Solisti Ensemble Concert Series in The Riverside Church, NY and Ocean Grove, NJ**
Shostakovich, String Quartet No.2 in A Major; Tchaikovsky, Souvenir de Florence
- Lauren V. Ackerman Chamber Music Competition Winner Recital with Dami Kim and Miki Aoiki**
Haydn, Gypsy Piano Trio; Mendelssohn, D minor Piano Trio; Rimsky-Korsakov, Piano Trio
- 2016 **Closing Gala Concerto Beijing International Music Festival and Academy with Harbert Greenberg, Li Qing, Bruce Ming Bai, Vladimir Valjarevic and Ming Fang**
Mozart, Serenade in G Major; Piazzolla, Piano Trio "Four Seasons", Turina, Piano Quartet in A minor
- New Music Concert Presented by Spectrum and Ensemble 212**
New Music composed by Jeffery Mumford (World Premiere)
- "The Charm" at Weill Recital Hall**
New Music by Chines Composers (world premier)
- 2015 **Celebrity Series Concerts at Heifetz International Music Institute**
Mendelssohn, String Octet; Dvorak Piano Quintet; Brahms, String Quartet No.3 in B-flat Major; Bartok, String Quartet No.2
- 2014 **Mannes Sounds Festival Concert Series featuring Vladmir Feltsman**
Schnittke, Piano Quintet

Mannes in Unison Concert Series with Mark Steinberg and Daniel Panner
Schoenberg, String Trio, Op.45

Mannes Sounds Festival Concert Series - Music of Dariusz Przybylski
Red, Yellow, Red. Hommage à Mark Rothko (2012)

Chamber Concert Series at Sala Sudasirisobha in Thailand
Dvorak, Dumky Trio

An Afternoon of Chamber Music for Operation Smile Thailand
Bach, Cello Suite No.5 in C minor; Dvorak, Dumky Trio

Chamber Recital in the Shanghai Conservatory
Brahms, Piano Trio No.1 in B Major; Walton, Piano Quartet in d minor

Stony Brook Chamber Festival Concert Series featuring the S.C.H Piano Trio
Mozart, B-flat Major Piano Trio, K.502; Beethoven, Archduke Trio; Schumann, Piano Trio No.1 in d minor

2013 Opening Concert of Sarasota Music Festival
Dvorak, String Sextet with Joseph Silverstein

S.C.H. Piano Trio in Steinway Hall, NY
Martinu. Piano Trio No.1 (Five Short Pieces); Schumann, Piano Trio No.1 in d minor

Mannes Sound Festival Concert Series at Neue Galerie
Schoenberg, Verklärte Nacht, Op.4

Mannes Sound Festival Concert at Ukrainian Institute of America
Shostakovich, Piano Trio No.1 in e minor

2012 Mannes Sound Festival Concert Series at House of The Redeemer
Dvorak, String Quartet No.12 in F Major "America"

"The Rise of Modernism" at the Museum of the City of New York
Ives, Piano Trio

Carnegie Room Concert Series at The Nyack Library – Complete Chamber Music with Piano By Brahms with Pianist; Mei-Ting Sun
Brahms, Cello Sonata No.1 in e minor; Brahms, Piano Trio No.1 in B Major, No.2 in C Major, No.3 in c minor; Brahms, Piano Quartet, No.1 in g minor, No.2 in A Major, No.3 in c minor; Brahms, Piano Quintet in f minor

2011 Taos Chamber Music Festival Concerts
Beethoven, String Quartet No.6 in B-flat Major; Ravel, String Quartet; Schumann String Quartet No.3 in a minor; Schubert, Piano Trio in B-flat Major