

# CECILIA HUERTA-LAUF

Violoncello, 2/27/1987

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## Performance Positions Held

<b>NouLou Chamber Players</b>	Founding co-director & cellist	Louisville, KY	2016-Present
<b>Louisville Orchestra</b>	Substitute	Louisville, KY	2017-Present
<b>Louisville Orchestra</b>	Guest Assistant Principal	Louisville, KY	April 2017
<b>Paducah Symphony Orchestra:</b>	Assistant Principal	Paducah, KY	2014-2017
<b>Civic Orchestra of Chicago:</b>	Member	Chicago, IL	2008-2009
<b>Boston Philharmonic Orchestra:</b>	Substitute	Boston, MA	2010 (Oct)
<b>Florida Grand Opera:</b>	Member	Miami, FL	2012-2014
<b>Boston Latin-American Orchestra:</b>	Founding Administrative Director/ Principal Cellist	Boston, MA	2010-2011
<b>Discovery Ensemble:</b>	Member	Boston, MA	2010-2011
<b>Oistrach Symphony Orchestra:</b>	Founding Assistant Principal	Chicago, IL	2005-2009
<b>Henry Mancini Institute Orchestra &amp; String Quartet</b>	Principal Cellist & Member	Miami, FL	2013-2014
<b>Electria</b>	Member	Louisville, KY	2015-Present

## Awards and Honors

<b>Carlos Prieto International Cello Competition:</b>	Semi-finalist	Mexico	2012 (Aug)
<b>Chicago Edes Foundation Prize for Emerging Young Artists:</b>	Nominee	Chicago, IL	2011 (Mar)
<b>Nashville Symphony Orchestra:</b>	Solo appearance	Nashville, TN	2003 (Nov)
<b>Chicago Cliff Dwellers String Competition:</b>	1st Prize	Chicago, IL	2007 (Nov)
<b>Frost Symphony Orchestra Concerto Competition:</b>	1st Prize	Miami, FL	2011 (Nov)
<b>New England Conservatory Entrepreneurial Grant:</b>	Rept Winner	Boston, MA	2011 (Feb)
<b>University of Miami Graduate Student Award for Academic Excellence, Leadership, and Service:</b>	Awardee	Miami, FL	2013 (Apr)
<b>University of Miami Outstanding Doctoral Student Award at the Frost School of Music:</b>	Awardee	Miami, FL	2014 (May)

## Teaching Positions and Outreach Experience

<b>Private Studio</b>	Cello Lessons	Louisville, KY	2014-Present
<b>University of Louisville Community Music Program:</b>	Suzuki Steps Teacher	Louisville, KY	2015-2016
<b>Suzuki Stars Music Academy:</b>	Cello Teacher	Louisville, KY	2015-2017
<b>New England Conservatory:</b>	Studio Assistant (Paul Katz) Teaching Assistant (K. Markovic)	Boston, MA	2010-2011
<b>University of Miami:</b>	Teaching Assistant (R. Harbaugh)	Miami, FL	2011-2014
<b>Frost School of Music String Academy:</b>	Cello Teacher	Miami, FL	2011-2014
<b>The O'Connor String Method:</b>	Cello Teacher Certification	Miami, FL	2014 (Mar)
<b>Henry Mancini Institute Outbound Program:</b>	Fellow	Miami, FL	2011-2014
<b>Tuneful Tales (Miami International Book Fair):</b>	Performer and narrator	Miami, FL	2012 (Nov)
<b>New England Conservatory Community Performances and Partnerships Program:</b>	Fellow	Boston, MA	2010-2011
<b>Chicago Symphony Orchestra MusiCorps Program:</b>	Mentor and Coach	Chicago, IL	2008-2009

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## Publications, Discussion Panels and Boards

<b>University of Miami:</b>	“The Exploration and Creation of Cello Arrangements for Selected Works by Carlos Guastavino”	Miami, FL	2014
<b>New World Symphony:</b>	“Finding Your Musical Mission in a Symphony Orchestra with Michael Tilson Thomas,” New World Symphony Virtual Hangout Series	Miami, FL	2014 (Feb)
<b>Chamber Music Society of Louisville:</b>	Board member (executive committee 2015-17; president currently)	Louisville, KY	2015-Present

## Synergistic Activities

<b>Kentucky MTNA Competitions</b>	Judge for Junior Strings Division	Louisville, KY	October 2016
<b>Kentucky Cello Club Competition</b>	Judge	Louisville, KY	May 2017
<b>KMEA Conference</b>	Guest electric cellist performer	Louisville, KY	February 2017

## Education

<b>Doctorate of Musical Arts,</b> Cello Performance, <i>with honors</i>	University of Miami	Miami, FL	2014
<b>Master of Music,</b> Cello Performance, <i>with honors</i>	New England Conservatory	Boston, MA	2011
<b>Bachelor of Music,</b> Cello Performance, <i>magna cum laude</i>	DePaul University	Chicago, IL	2009
<b>Pre-college studies,</b> Cello Performance	Vanderbilt University	Nashville, TN	1992-2005

## Principal Teachers and Mentors

<b>Paul Katz</b>	Professor of Cello, New England Conservatory
<b>Benjamin Zander</b>	Conductor, Boston Philharmonic Orchestra
<b>Ross Harbaugh</b>	Professor of Cello, University of Miami
<b>Brant Taylor</b>	Cellist, Chicago Symphony Orchestra
<b>Stephen Balderston</b>	Professor of Cello, DePaul University
<b>Catherine Lehr Ramos</b>	Assistant principal cellist, St. Louis Symphony Orchestra