

CECILIA HUERTA-LAUF

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Performance Positions Held

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

Awards and Honors

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

Teaching Positions, Training and Outreach Experience

NouLou Chamber Players	Co-founding-director & Cellist	Louisville, KY	2017-Present
Private Studio	Cello Lessons	Louisville, KY	2014-Present
University of Louisville			
Community Music Program	Suzuki Steps Teacher	Louisville, KY	2015-2016
Suzuki Stars Music Academy	Cello Teacher	Louisville, KY	2015-2017
New England Conservatory	Studio Assistant (Paul Katz) Teaching Assistant (K. Markovic)	Boston, MA	2010-2011
University of Miami	Teaching Assistant (R. Harbaugh)	Miami, FL	2011-2014
Frost School of Music String Academy	Cello Teacher	Miami, FL	2011-2014
Suzuki Method	Cello Unit #1 Certification (Susan Gagnon)	Ontario	2016 (Aug)
The O'Connor String Method	Cello Teacher Certification (Pamela Wiley)	Miami, FL	2014 (Mar)
Henry Mancini Institute Outbound Program	Fellow	Miami, FL	2011-2014
Tuneful Tales (Miami International Book Fair)	Performer and narrator	Miami, FL	2012 (Nov)
New England Conservatory - Community Performances and Partnerships Program	Fellow	Boston, MA	2010-2011

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Chicago Symphony Orchestra - MusiCorps Program

Mentor and Coach

Chicago, IL

2008-2009

Publications, Discussion Panels and Boards

University of Miami

“The Exploration and Creation of Cello
Arrangements for Selected Works by
Carlos Guastavino”

Miami, FL

2014

New World Symphony

“Finding Your Musical Mission in a
Symphony Orchestra with Michael Tilson
Thomas,” New World Symphony Virtual
Hangout Series

Miami, FL

2014
(February)

Chamber Music Society of Louisville

Board member (executive &
programming committee 2015-17;
president currently)

Louisville, KY

2015-2021

Synergistic Activities

GRL PWR Middle School Girl’s Summit

Guest speaker & mentor

Louisville, KY 2018 & 2019 (June)

Kentucky MTNA Competitions

Judge for Junior Strings Division

Louisville, KY October 2016

Kentucky Cello Club Competition

Judge

Louisville, KY May 2017

KMEA Conference

Guest electric cellist performer

Louisville, KY February 2017

Education

Doctorate of Musical Arts,

Cello Performance, *with honors*

University of Miami

Miami, FL

2014

Master of Music,

Cello Performance, *with honors*

New England Conservatory

Boston, MA

2011

Bachelor of Music,

Cello Performance, *magna cum laude*

DePaul University

Chicago, IL

2009

Pre-college studies,

Cello Performance

Vanderbilt University

Nashville, TN

1992-2005

Principal Teachers and Mentors

Paul Katz

Professor of Cello, New England Conservatory

Benjamin Zander

Conductor, Boston Philharmonic Orchestra

Ross Harbaugh

Professor of Cello, University of Miami

Brant Taylor

Cellist, Chicago Symphony Orchestra

Stephen Balderston

Professor of Cello, DePaul University

Catherine Lehr Ramos

Assistant Principal Cellist, St. Louis Symphony Orchestra

Vincent L. Maggio

Professor of Jazz Piano, University of Miami