

Andrew Ascenzo

Past Performance Highlights

2012:

December 2, 2012

Principal Cellist & Solo Cellist: Performed as principal cellist with the Koffler Centre Chamber Orchestra, as well as soloist for Elgar's Introduction and Allegro for solo string quartet and string orchestra

November 10, 2012

Solo Cello with Jazz Piano Trio: Performance of Claude Bolling's Suite for Cello & Jazz Piano Trio with Victor Cheng at the Sneak Peak Orchestra's fundraising concert

March 3, 2012

Haydn, Cello Concerto in D Major

Performance of Haydn's Cello Concerto in D Major with the York Chamber Ensemble, featuring Andrew Ascenzo (cello).

February 4

Assistant Principal Cellist: Performed with the Sneak Peak Orchestra for their concert entitled "Dreams of Flying" featuring cellist Rachel Mercer and two works from young Canadian composers Kevin Lau and Rob Teehan.

2011:

October 15/16

Brahms - Double Concerto: Performance of Brahms' Double Concerto with the York Symphony Orchestra, featuring Luri Lee (violin) and Andrew Ascenzo (cello). www.yorksymphony.ca

April 13

Solo Recital: Performance of three solo works, including Kodaly's Solo Sonata, Bach's Chaconne (for solo violin), and Cassado's Suite for Solo Cello.

February 5

Principal Cellist: Performance of Beethoven's *Symphony No. 9* with the University of Toronto Symphony Orchestra and combined Choirs under the direction of Maestro David Briskin.

January 14

Chamber Music: Performance of *Hae Maji Gut* with Dong-Won Kim of Yo-Yo Ma's Silk Road Ensemble in Macmillan Theatre at the University of Toronto's Faculty of Music.

2010:**September 26**

Organizer/Performer: Directed and performed in the University of Toronto Cello Ensemble in a concert featuring cellist Shauna Rolston at the Toronto Music Garden.

June 10

Pop/Rock Performance: Cellist with Chocolate Genius Inc. for a performance of *The Needle and the Damage Done* as part of the Luminato Festival's "The Canadian Songbook: A Tribute to Neil Young's *Live at Massey Hall, 1971*" in Massey Hall, Toronto.

March 28

Principal Cellist: Performance of Berlioz' *Symphony Fantastique* with the University of Toronto Symphony Orchestra and the National Ballet of Canada Orchestra under the direction of Maestro David Briskin.

February 4-7

Principal Cellist: Performance run of Bernstein's *Candide*.

January 30

Principal (Solo) Cellist: *The Light in the Piazza* pit orchestra presented by Acting Upstage at the Berkeley Street Theatre Downstairs in Toronto.

2009:

November 23

Solo Performance: Paul Frehner's *Sunyata, in memoriam Ilya Stein* as part of the Soundstreams concert series at the Gardiner Museum in Toronto.

November 21/22

Soloist: Dvorak *Cello Concerto* with the York Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Maestro Gregory Burton. November 21 at Trinity Anglican Church, Aurora and November 22 at the Richmond Hill Centre for the Performing Arts, Richmond Hill.

May 23

Music Director/Performer: "Music for Change, a Concert for Free the Children" Performing Claude Bolling's *Suite for Cello and Jazz Piano Trio* with the Victor Cheng Jazz Trio at the George Weston Recital Hall, Toronto Centre for the Arts. Other feature guests included cellist Shauna Rolston and jazz singer Molly Johnson.

April 5

Chamber Music: Trio Luna Recital with Chamber Music Hamilton in the Recital Hall of the Hamilton Conservatory for the Arts.

January 18

Chamber Music: Trio Luna performance as part of the Young Artists' Showcase with Visual & Performing Arts Newmarket at the Newmarket Theatre.

2008:

October 18/19

Soloist: Beethoven's *Triple Concerto for violin, cello, and piano* with the York Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Maestro Gregory Burton. October 18 at Trinity Anglican Church, Aurora and October 19 at Markham Theatre, Markham.

April 29

Chamber Music: Trio Luna featured as the winners of the Felix Galimir Chamber Music Award at the University of Toronto, Faculty of Music. Recital in Walter Hall, Toronto.

March 19

Chamber Music: Trio Luna performance as part of the evening "U of T's Best Kept Secret" at 1 Spadina Crescent in Toronto, featuring presentations from several different artistic fields such as Alexina Louie and Atom Egoyan.

January 19

Music Director/Performer: "Music for Change, a Concert for Free the Children" performing Paul Schoenfield's *Cafe Music* with Trio Luna at the George Weston Recital Hall, Toronto Centre for the Arts. Other feature guests included the Penderecki String Quartet and Brubeck & Braid.

2007:**July 19**

Chamber Music: performed with the Banff Cello Ensemble under the direction of Aldo Parisot in Rolston Recital Hall at the Banff Centre in Alberta.

July 13

Chamber Music: Performed Villa-Lobos' *Assobio a Jato* in Rolston Recital Hall at the Banff Centre in Alberta.

April 7

Chamber Music: Performance of Shostakovich's *Cello Sonata* as part of the University of Toronto's "Thursdays at Noon" concert series in Walter Hall in Toronto.

March 24/25

Soloist: Tchaikovsky's *Variations on a Rococo Theme* with the York Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Maestro Gregory Burton. March 24 at Trinity Anglican Church, Aurora and March 25 at Markham Theatre, Markham.