

Andrew Ascenzo

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Andrew Ascenzo holds both a Bachelor's and a Master's Degree in Cello Performance from the University of Toronto, where he studied with Shauna Rolston, as well as Matt Brubeck, with whom he explored jazz and world improvisation on the cello. Andrew has also attended the Toronto Summer Music Academy and the Banff Centre's Summer Music Festival, where he studied with distinguished artists such as Aldo Parisot, Janos Starker, and Raphael Wallfisch.

Andrew has performed in venues across Canada as a soloist, chamber musician, and orchestral player. He has performed most of the standard cello repertoire as a soloist with the York Symphony Orchestra, the Sneak Peak Orchestra, the U of T Baroque Ensemble, and more. He is currently the principal cellist of Jacques Israelievitch's Koffler Chamber Orchestra.

Andrew's musical interests also extend beyond classical music, as he is an active songwriter and multi-instrumentalist performer with the Toronto-based indie band You, Me, Baxter & Phil, as well as Arosa Star, a newly formed singer/songwriter duo with SarahRose Black. More information about these groups can be found at www.arosastar.com and www.youmebaxterphil.com.