

# PROFESSIONAL RESUME

## CECILIA STRING QUARTET

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### FORMATION:

October of 2004

### CURRENTLY:

The Cecilia String Quartet is Ensemble in Residence at the University of Toronto's Faculty of Music.

### INDIVIDUAL TRAINING:

Min-Jeong Koh, violin:

- Master of Music, San Diego State University (San Diego, CA.)
- Bachelor of Music, University of Toronto (Toronto, ON.)

Sarah Nematallah, violin:

- Master of Music Education, University of Toronto (Toronto, ON.)
- Bachelor of Music, University of Toronto (Toronto, ON.)

Caitlin Boyle, viola:

- Master of Music, San Diego State University (San Diego, CA.)
- Konzert Diplom, Fortbildungsklasse, Hochschule für Musik und Theater München (Munich, Germany.)
- Bachelor of Music, Glenn Gould School at the Royal Conservatory of Music (Toronto, ON.)

Rachel Desoer, cello:

- Bachelor of Music, Oberlin Conservatory of Music (Oberlin, OH.)

### GROUP EDUCATION AND TRAINING:

- Resident String Quartet, Glenn Gould School at the Royal Conservatory of Music (Toronto, ON. 2010-2012)
- Resident String Quartet, Schulich School of Music at McGill University (Montréal, QC. 2009-2010)
- Joseph Fisch and Joyce Axelrod String Quartet Residency, San Diego State University (San Diego, CA. 2007-2009)
- Emerging Artists in Residence, University of Toronto (Toronto, ON. 2006-2007)
- Apprentice Ensemble in Residence, Glenn Gould School of the Royal Conservatory of Music (Toronto, ON. 2006-2007)
- Laurier University Career Development Residency: Studied with the Penderecki Quartet (Waterloo, ON. February-March 2006)
- University of Toronto: Studied with Terence Helmer (Toronto, ON. October-April 2004-2005)

### AWARDS:

- John Lad Prize, awarded by the St Lawrence String Quartet (August 2013)
- First Prize and Canadian Commission Piece Prize, Banff International String Quartet Competition (Banff, AB. September 2010)
- Prix de la Sacem, Concours International de Quatuor à Cordes de Bordeaux (Bordeaux, France. May 2010)
- First Prize and Melpomene Prize, Rutenberg Chamber Music Competition (Tampa, FL. November 2008)
- Second Prize, Osaka International Chamber Music Competition (Osaka, Japan. May 2008)
- Galaxie Rising Stars Award in Canada (Ottawa, ON. August 2007)
- University of Toronto Felix Galimir Award for Chamber Music Excellence (Toronto, ON. May 2005)

**TRAINING FESTIVALS:**

- The Banff Centre Chamber Music Residency: Studied with Henk Guittart, Mark Steinberg, Donald Weilerstein, Alasdair Tait, and Denis Brott (Banff, AB. June 2010)
- Stanford Chamber Music Seminar: Studied with the St Lawrence String Quartet (Palo Alto, CA. June 2009, June 2005)
- Toronto Summer Music Festival Academy: Studied with Roman Borys, Terence Helmer, André Roy, Dennis Brott, Leipzig Quartet, and Mayumi Seiler (Toronto, ON. August 2009, 2008, 2006)
- Shouse Artist, Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival: Studied with Paul Katz (Southfield, MI. June 2008)
- Aspen String Quartet Fellowship: Studied with Earl Carlyss (Aspen, CO. June-August 2007)
- Juilliard String Quartet Seminar: Studied with the Juilliard String Quartet (New York, NY. May 2005, 2007)
- Deer Valley Music Festival Emerging Quartets Residency Program: Studied with the Muir String Quartet (Park City, UT. July-August 2006)
- Schleswig-Holstein Chamber Music Festival: Studied with the Tokyo String Quartet (Lubeck, Germany July 2005)

**NOTABLE PERFORMANCES:**

- La Virée Classique (Montreal, QC. August 2014)
- Ottawa Chamber Music Society (Ottawa, ON. July 2014, August 2013, July 2011, February 2011, August 2010, March 2010, August 2008, July 2007)
- Montréal Chamber Music Festival (Montréal, QC. May 2014, May 2013, May 2012, May 2011)
- Festival EuroArt Prague at the Rudolfinum (Prague, Czech Republic. March 2014)
- Stanford Lively Arts (Palo Alto, CA. May 2013)
- Wigmore Hall (London, England. February 2012)
- Winter Chamber Music Festival at Northwestern University (Evanston, IL. January 2012)
- Music in the Morning (Vancouver, BC. October 2011, February 2011)
- Pollack Hall at the Schulich School of Music of McGill University (Montréal, QC. August 2011)
- Auer Hall at the Jacobs School of Music of Indiana University (Bloomington, IN. July 2011)
- Beethoven-haus (Bonn, Germany. April 2011)
- Konzerthaus Berlin (Berlin, Germany. March 2011)
- Concertgebouw (Amsterdam, Netherlands. March 2011)
- Mazzoleni Concert Hall at the Royal Conservatory of Music (Toronto, ON. January 2011)
- Nuit Blanche at Koerner Hall (Toronto, ON. October 2010)
- Jeunesses Musicales du Canada, La Musique sur un Plateau (Montréal, QC. February 2010, November 2009, March 2007)
- Toronto Summer Music Festival (Toronto, ON. August 2009)
- QuartetFest at Laurier University (Waterloo, ON. May 2009)
- Concerts ProQuartet, cycle Jeunes Talents (Paris, France. March 2009)
- San Diego State University Noon Recital Series (San Diego, CA. February 2009, January 2009, November 2008, October 2008, May 2008, March 2008, January 2008, November 2007, October 2007)
- La Jolla Music Society (North County, CA. February 2009)
- Music Toronto (Toronto, ON. February 2009, April 2008, March 2007)
- Austin Chamber Music Festival (Austin, TX. July 2008)
- Northern Lights Music Festival (Ajjic, Mexico. February 2008, February 2007)
- Jeunesses Musicales du Canada, Tours of Ontario, Québec, British Columbia, and the Maritimes (April 2012, May 2007, February 2007)

**PROJECTS:**

- 4 CD recording contract with Analekta Records: The first CD, released in March 2012, features works by Antonín Dvořák, including Quartet Op.106 and a selection of Cypresses. The second CD, released in March 2013, features the music of Janáček, Berg, and Webern. Upcoming CDs will feature the string quartets of Mendelssohn, and the string quartets Canadian composers. (Ongoing)
- Celebrating Canadian Women in Music: Commissioning Project supported by the Canada Council for the Arts, the Ontario Arts Council, and the Toronto Arts Council. The CSQ will commission, premier, and record 4 new works by notable Canadian female composers. (Ongoing)
- Xenia Concerts: A Toronto based concert series designed to appeal to, and be welcoming of, children on the autism spectrum and their families. (Ongoing)
- The Snow Queen: A multimedia production based on Patrick Cardy's setting of the Hans Christian Andersen fairytale 'The Snow Queen' for string quartet and actor, performed with Alon Nashman. (February 2011)
- Common Ground: A one-week residency at The Banff Centre to rehearse, premiere and record four new quartets by members of the Commonsense Composers Collective Belinda Reynolds, Melissa Hui, Mark Mellits and Ed Harsh. Funded by The Banff Centre and Commonsense Composer's Collective. (January 2010)
- BLiM - Breathing Life into Music: Two two-week residencies in Pont-Royal France to study and premiere the quartets of Théodore Dubois (1837-1924) and Liam Wade (b. 1978). Funded by the Odyssee Grant from the ACCR and ProQuartet. (March-June 2009)

**NOTABLE EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS AND MASTERCLASSES:**

- Tuckamore Festival at Memorial University (St John's, NL. August 2014)
- Career Talk for the Entrepreneurship Centre for Music, University of Colorado Boulder College of Music (October 2013)
- Education tour of Kelowna District School Board (Kelowna, BC. February-May 2013)
- Community MusicWorks (Providence, RI. October 2011)
- Ottawa Chamber Music Festival Family Concerts (Ottawa, ON. July 2011)
- Multicultural Arts for Schools and Communities 'MASC' (Ottawa, ON. May 2011)
- Cardinal Carter Academy for the Arts (Toronto, ON. December 2010)
- Nueva School Menuhin-Dowling Music Program (Hillsborough, CA. November 2010)
- Reflections Community School for at risk youths (San Diego, CA. April 2009, April 2010)
- Boys and Girls Club of the Peninsula (Redwood City, CA. April 2010)
- East Palo Alto Library (Palo Alto, CA. April 2010)
- Trillium Lakelands District School Board (Lindsay, ON. April 2010)
- Redlands Youth Symphony (Redlands, CA. April 2009)
- San Diego Youth Symphony (San Diego, CA. March 2009)
- Creative Performing and Media Arts Middle School (Clairemont, CA. January 2009)
- School of Business-SDSU (San Diego, CA. October 2008)
- San Diego School of Creative and Performing Arts (San Diego, CA. May 2008)
- Monarch School for Homeless Youths (San Diego, CA. September 2007)

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