

Canadian violist David Samuel lives in Denmark, where he has been a member of Ensemble MidtVest since 2013. He is the founding violist of the Afiara String Quartet, of which he was a member from 2006-2013. During his tenure with that ensemble, they were awarded 2nd prize at the Munich ARD Competition, 2nd Prize and the Székely Prize for the best performance of a Beethoven Quartet at the Banff International String Quartet Competition, the Concert Artists Guild Competition, and the Young Canadian Musicians Award.

Mr. Samuel has performed in China, Japan, Brazil and extensively in Europe and North America, including performances at Wigmore Hall, Berlin Konzerthaus, Esterházy Palace, Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, The Kennedy Center, Library of Congress, at the headquarters of both LinkedIn and Facebook, and on "The Late Show with David Letterman". He has been fortunate to perform chamber music with great artists including Pinchas Zukerman, Robert Mann, Joel Krosnick, Michael Tree, Marc-André Hamelin, Anton Kuerti, James Campbell, Jörg Widmann, and the Juilliard, Alexander, Cecilia, Aeolus, and Danish String Quartets.

A dedicated teacher, Mr. Samuel is currently on faculty at the University of Stavanger in Norway where he teaches viola and chamber music. He also served on the faculty of the San Francisco Conservatory of Music Preparatory and Adult Extension Division from 2005-2009 and was a visiting instructor at the University of Alberta, the Glenn Gould School, and Stanford University. In the summers, he has taught at Indiana University's Summer String Academy, Southern Ontario Chamber Music Institute, and Chamber Music of the Rockies.

Mr. Samuel received his Bachelor's and Master's degrees, and Artist Diploma from The Juilliard School, as well as an Artist Certificate in Chamber Music from the San Francisco Conservatory of Music. His principal teachers include Michael Tree, Karen Tuttle, Paul Hersh, and Henry Janzen.