

Dr. Adam Collins

Lecturer of Music
University of Montana

EDUCATION

Doctor of Music: Cello Performance Florida State University Tallahassee, FL Major professor: Greg Sauer Treatise: Analysis and Performer's Guide to Benjamin Britten's <i>Symphony for Cello and Orchestra</i>	May 2018
Specialized Study Certificate: Music Theory Pedagogy Florida State University Tallahassee, FL Supervisor: Joseph Kraus	May 2018
Master of Music: Cello Performance University of Delaware Newark, DE Major professor: Lawrence Stomberg	May 2015
Bachelor of Music: Cello Performance – <i>summa cum laude</i> Furman University Greenville, SC Major professor: Christopher Hutton	May 2013

TEACHING POSITIONS

LECTURER OF MUSIC	August 2022 – Present
VISITING ASSISTANT PROFESSOR University of Montana School of Music Missoula, MT	August 2018 – August 2022

Teaching duties:

- Private applied lessons to undergraduate cello students
- Cello studio class
- Undergraduate Music Theory and Aural Skills for core Music Theory curriculum
- Low Strings Methods for music education majors
- String Pedagogy and Literature for cello majors
- Undergraduate chamber music coaching
- Introduction to Music Literature and Music Appreciation survey courses

Significant studio achievements:

- Students accepted to Aspen (2021, 2020), Brevard (2022), and Round Top (2022, 2019) Music Festivals
- Students won Music Teachers National Association State Competition (2022, 2018, 2019), third prize in Montana Association of Symphony Orchestras Young Artist Competition (2021), alternate at MTNA Northwest Division (2019), and University of Montana Concerto-Aria Competition (2019)
- Studio growth from 4 cello students in Spring 2019 to 13 in Fall 2023
- Collaborative studio recitals at the Montana Museum of Art and Culture (2022, 2019)

Awards won and notable service:

- University of Montana Outstanding Performance Award (2023, 2021)

- Montana Arts Council American Rescue Package Act Artist Grant (2022)
- College of the Arts and Media Service and Teaching Award (2020)
- Member of the University of Montana Faculty Senate (2019 – 2022)
- Spearheaded new Music Theory StudyJam, a peer-study program in music theory
- Created donor-sponsored fund to support string faculty and student travel, outreach, scholarships, and experiential learning
- Extensive outreach and recruiting trips to schools and Youth Orchestras across Washington, Idaho, New Mexico, and Montana

ADJUNCT ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

August 2021 – Present

Davidson Honors College, University of Montana | Missoula, MT

- Developed and currently teach upper-division interdisciplinary seminar on sound
- Teach Ways of Knowing, a course incorporating perspectives from philosophy, literature, art, and history to explore human knowledge and its acquisition

INSTRUCTOR

April 2019 – Present

Montana Osher Lifelong Learning Institute | Missoula, MT

- Designed and led five courses:
 - Interdisciplinary course on sound (April-May 2023)
 - The history of the Cello Sonata (April-May 2022)
 - The Solo Cello Suites of JS Bach (April-May 2021)
 - The Symphonies of Brahms (May-June 2020)
 - The String Quartets of Beethoven (April-May 2019)

GRADUATE TEACHING ASSISTANT

August 2015 – May 2018

Florida State University | Tallahassee, FL

Teaching duties:

- Private lessons with undergraduate cellists and supplemental instruction for graduate cellists
- Created and led cello orchestral excerpts class
- Coached undergraduate string chamber music ensembles
- Substitute Music Theory and Aural Skills instructor

Leadership and service:

- FSU College of Music Dean’s Advisory Committee (2016-2018)
- Organized and managed string area semester-end chamber music recital

GRADUATE TEACHING ASSISTANT

August 2013 – May 2015

University of Delaware | Newark, DE

Teaching duties:

- Private applied lessons with undergraduate cellists
- Low String Methods instructor

MUSIC THEORY TEACHING ASSISTANT

August 2012 – May 2013

Furman University | Greenville, SC

- Assisted instructor during theory and aural skills classes

ADDITIONAL PEDAGOGY EXPERIENCE

Sectional Coach: Montana Youth Symphony Bozeman, MT	July 2023
Montana State Music Festival Adjudicator Missoula, MT	May 2023
String Day Guest Teacher and Performer St. Norbert College De Pere, WI	April 2023
District Music Festival Adjudicator Missoula, MT	April 2022
Missoula Teachers Association Spring Festival Adjudicator and clinician Missoula, MT	March 2020
String Orchestra of the Rockies Guest Lecturer Pre-concert talk Missoula, MT	February 2020
University of Montana Cello Workshop Organized and led masterclasses, technique classes, cello ensemble, and concert Capital High School Helena, MT	February 2020
Chamber Music Masterclass Albuquerque Youth Symphony Albuquerque, NM	November 2019
Montana Music Educators Association State Conference All-state orchestra section coach and audition judge Missoula, Billings, Great Falls, & Bozeman, MT	2018, 2019, 2021, 2022, & 2023
University of Montana Concert Band Festival Adjudicator and clinician Missoula, MT	February 2019
All-Star Orchestra Festival Clinician and sectional coach Missoula, MT	November 2018
Florida State University French Department: Guest Lecturer French presentation on Romantic cello music Tallahassee, FL	April 2018
Cello Masterclass Furman University Greenville, SC	March 2018
Piano Trio “Informance” Presentation on chamber music and performance of Brahms Piano trio in B-Major Clayton State University Atlanta, GA	March 2018

CHAMBER MUSIC POSITIONS

Montana Piano Trio: Cellist Missoula, MT	August 2018 – Present
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Trio Vivo: Cellist Tallahassee, FL	2017 – 2019
Eppes Quartet: Cellist String Quartet-in-Residence at Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL	2016 – 2018
Gladden and Hartness Honors String Quartets: Cellist Furman University Greenville, SC	2009 – 2013

SELECTED CHAMBER AND SOLO PERFORMANCES

String Quartet Recital: Missoula Public Library Rural Branches Four concerts with members of the Missoula Symphony Orchestra	July 2023
Soloist: Bitterroot Baroque Vivaldi Concerto for Two Cellos Hamilton, MT	November 2022
Solo Recital: Montana State University Billings Billings, MT	September 2022
Solo Recital: Chouteau County Performing Arts Fort Benton, MT	September 2022
Solo Recital: St. Paul's United Methodist Church Helena, MT	September 2022
Solo Recital: Flathead Valley Community College Kalispell, MT	September 2022
Solo Recital: University of Montana Faculty and Guest Artist Series Missoula, MT	September 2022
Soloist: Missoula Symphony Orchestra Tchaikovsky Andante Cantabile Missoula, MT	August 2022
Solo Recital: University of Montana Faculty and Guest Artist Series Missoula, MT	November 2021
Chamber Recital: University of Montana Faculty and Guest Artist Series Missoula, MT	April 2021
Chamber Recital: University of Montana Faculty and Guest Artist Series Missoula, MT	April 2021
Chamber Recital: String Orchestra of the Rockies Quartet Missoula, MT	October 2020
Chamber Recital: String Orchestra of the Rockies Quartet & Octet Missoula, MT	March 2020
Chamber Recital: Montana Piano Trio Flathead Valley Community College Concert Series Kalispell, MT	March 2020

Live Radio Chamber Performance: String Orchestra of the Rockies Quartet Montana Public Radio Missoula, MT	February 2020
Chamber Recital: Messiaen <i>Quatuor</i> with University of MT Faculty Chamber Music Montana Missoula, MT	February 2020
Faculty Solo Recital University of Montana Faculty and Guest Artist Series Missoula, MT	February 2020
Chamber Music Tour: <i>Musikanten</i> Montana Bozeman, Butte, Helena, & Missoula, MT	January 2020
Soloist: Bitterroot Baroque Hamilton, MT	December 2019
Soloist: University of Montana Wind Ensemble Maslanka <i>Remember Me</i> Missoula, MT	December 2019
Chamber Recital: Maxine Ramey (clarinet), John Olsen (piano) Eastern New Mexico University Portales, NM	November 2019
Soloist: Butte Symphony Orchestra Lalo Cello Concerto Butte, MT	October 2019
Chamber Recital: Chamber Music Montana Missoula, MT	September 2019
Chamber Recital: Steve Hesla (piano), Margaret Baldrige (violin) Chouteau County Performing Arts Series Fort Benton, MT	March 2019
Soloist: All-Star Festival Orchestra Vivaldi Cello Concerto in D Minor Missoula, MT	November 2018
Soloist: University of Montana Symphony Orchestra Elgar Cello Concerto Missoula, MT	November 2018
Chamber Recital: <i>L'Orchestre de la Francophonie</i> String Quintet Busan Maru International Music Festival Busan, South Korea	September 2018
Chamber Recital: Montana Piano Trio Chamber Music Montana Missoula, MT	September 2018
Chamber Recital: Trio Vivo Clayton State University Atlanta, GA	March 2018
Chamber Recital: Trio Vivo Florida State University Faculty Showcase Tallahassee, FL	February 2018
Chamber Recital: Corinne Stillwell Kristin Yu (violins), Laurel Yu (viola) B-Sharps Jazz Café Sunday Chamber Music Salons Series Tallahassee, FL	January 2018

Chamber Recital: members of the Albany Symphony Orchestra Symphony in Stained Glass Chamber Series Albany, GA	November 2017
Chamber Recital: Deloise Lima (piano), Pedro Maia (violin) Tallahassee Ballet Evening of Music and Dance Tallahassee, FL	September 2017
Solo Recital Benefit performance to support Weymouth Center for the Arts and Humanities and Carolina Philharmonic Southern Pines, NC	August 2017
Chamber Recital: Eppes Quartet FSU Festival of New Music Gala Concert Tallahassee, FL	January 2017
Faculty Chamber Recital: Read Gainsford (piano) Florida State University Tallahassee, FL	September 2016
Chamber Recital: L'Orchestre de la Francophonie String Sextet <i>Jeunesses Musicales du Canada</i> Montréal, QC, Canada	July 2016
Chamber Recital: Matthew Brower (piano), Xiang Gao (violin) Master Players Concert Series Newark, DE	April 2015
Chamber Recital: members of the University of Delaware Symphony University of Delaware Museum of Art Newark, DE	December 2014
Faculty Chamber Recital: Bruce Tychinski (trombone) University of Delaware Faculty Artist Series Newark, DE	November 2014
Chamber Recital: Meghan Jackson & Seth Gilliard (violins), Carmelo Giallombardo (viola) Accademia dell'Arte Arezzo, Italy	November 2011

ORCHESTRAL POSITIONS

Billings Symphony Orchestra Billings, MT Acting principal cello	March 2021, November 2022
String Orchestra of the Rockies Missoula, MT Principal cello Acting principal cello Section cello	2021 – Present 2020 – 2021 2019 – 2020
Missoula Symphony Orchestra Missoula, MT Principal cello	2018 – Present

Orchestre de la Francophonie
 South Korea Concert Tour
 Principal cello September 2018
 Montréal, QC, Canada
 Co-principal cello 2016, 2018, & 2019

Columbus Symphony Orchestra
 Columbus, GA
 Acting principal cello March 2018
 Section cello 2016 – 2018

Albany Symphony Orchestra
 Albany, GA
 Principal cello 2017-2018

Pensacola Symphony Orchestra
 Pensacola, FL
 Acting principal cello May 2018
 Substitute section cello 2017 – 2018

Mobile Symphony Orchestra
 Mobile, AL
 Acting principal cello November 2017 & May 2018
 Section cello 2016 – 2018

Texas Music Festival Symphony Orchestra
 Houston, TX
 Co-principal cello 2017

Tallahassee Symphony Orchestra
 Tallahassee, FL
 Section Cello 2015 – 2018

Sinfonia Gulf Coast
 Destin, FL
 Principal cello 2016 – 2018
 Section cello 2015 – 2016

Taneycomo Festival Orchestra
 Branson, MO
 Co-principal cello 2016

Summer Sinfonietta
 Tallahassee, FL
 Principal cello 2016

Florida State University Orchestra
 Tallahassee, FL
 Rotating principal cello 2015 – 2018

University of Delaware Symphony Orchestra Newark, DE Rotating principal cello	2013 – 2015
Brevard Music Center Orchestra Brevard, NC Section cello	2010, 2011, & 2012
Furman University Symphony Orchestra Greenville, SC Principal cello	2009 – 2013

PREMIERES AND RECORDINGS

Montana Premiere: <i>Noctuaire</i>, Maurice Ohana Missoula, MT	September 2022
Montana Premiere: <i>Sonate à Cynthia</i>, Julio Racine Missoula, MT	September 2022
World Premiere: <i>String Quartet No. 5</i>, Aidan McCormack Missoula, MT	February 2022
World Premiere: <i>Piano Trio No. 2</i>, Aidan McCormack Missoula, MT	February 2022
World premiere: <i>Sky Garden</i>, Wan Heo Tallahassee, FL	April 2018
World premiere: <i>Quintet</i>, Yue Sun Tallahassee, FL	December 2017
Recording: <i>Eppes Quartet</i> Recording for Martha Graham Dance Company National Tour Tallahassee, FL	November 2017
World premiere: <i>Constructing</i>, Wan Heo Tallahassee, FL	September 2017
North American premiere: <i>Sonatina for Solo Cello</i>, Teresa Procaccini Newark, DE	March 2015
World premiere: “<i>Stormende Drom</i>,” Christian Johnson Newark, DE	March 2015
Recording: “<i>Distant Shores</i>,” Jennifer Barker Cello tracks for multimedia composition Newark, DE	November 2014

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND LEADERSHIP

Secretary, Montana Youth Symphony Board of Directors Bozeman, MT	2022 – Present
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REFERENCES

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