

Christopher Hill, a junior at Conard High School in West Hartford Connecticut, is principal cello of the select West Hartford High School Chamber Orchestra *I Giovanni Solisti* under the direction of Emmett Drake, and plays in the Connecticut Youth Symphony.

Christopher has been a finalist in multiple years at the Danbury Music School Concerto Competition and was also selected as a Finalist in February 2020 for the Greater Bridgeport Symphony Orchestra Young Instrumentalist Competition. In addition, he was awarded Second Place at The Musical Club of Hartford High School competition. Christopher was a co-winner of the CT Youth Symphony's annual concerto competition for which he will be featured in the May 2021 concert performing Dvorak's Rondo in G Minor, Op. 94.

A student of Blake Brasch at the Hartt School Community Division, Christopher has participated in numerous masterclasses and recitals including Joshua Roman, Darrett Adkins, members of The Minnesota Orchestra and Handel and Haydn Society, and most recently with Hannah Roberts of The Royal Academy of Music.

This past summer Christopher studied virtually with Horacio Contreras through the Centre Stage Strings Program at The University of Michigan, and has previously attended Summer String Academy (Jacobs School of Music), the International Cello Institute at St. Olaf College in MN, as well as the Advanced Cello Suzuki Institute at Ithaca College in Ithaca, NY.

Watch his submission, **Elgar Cello Concerto Movt 1**

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