

# ZACHARY SEARS

*Concert Cellist*



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## ARTIST BIOGRAPHY

Zachary Sears is a Connecticut-based cellist serving as Principal Cellist of the Connecticut Virtuosi Chamber Orchestra, with regular appearances alongside the Hartford, New Haven, and Eastern Connecticut symphonies. A two-time winner of the Moshe Paranov Competition at The Hartt School, he has performed as concerto soloist with Connecticut Virtuosi, the Holyoke Civic Symphony, and The Hartt Orchestra, and is a founding member of The Iroha Trio. He holds an M.M. from DePaul University and an Artist Diploma from The Hartt School.

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## SELECTED RECORDINGS

- [Shostakovich Cello Concerto No. 1 with Regulo Stabilito and The Hartt Orchestra](#)
- [Chopin Cello Sonata, Zachary Sears with Cihan Yucel](#)
- [Schubert “Arpeggione” Sonata in A minor, Zachary Sears with Sungwha Baek](#)
- [Debussy Cello Sonata Mvt 2, Zachary Sears with Cihan Yucel](#)

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## PERFORMANCE HIGHLIGHTS

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**Orchestral** Principal Cellist, Connecticut Virtuosi Chamber Orchestra & Teatro Lyrico D'Europa Opera Orchestra; substitute artist with Hartford, New Haven, Eastern Connecticut, and Worcester symphonies.

**Opera** Productions with Connecticut Lyric Opera (2022–2024) and Teatro Lyrico D'Europa (2025–2026).

**Solo** Concerto appearances performing Shostakovich (No. 1 & No. 2), Dvorak, and Brahms Double Concerto with Connecticut Virtuosi, Holyoke Civic Symphony, and The Hartt Orchestra.

**Chamber** Founding member of The Iroha Trio; artist with the Steinway Society of Old San Juan and guest artist with Fundación Musical de Ponce.

#### EDUCATION

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- Artist Diploma — The Hartt School, studied with Mihai Tetel
- Master of Music — DePaul University, studied with Stephen Balderston