



BENJAMIN MYERS, CELLO

Emotional power, sparkling technique, and a burnished tone are the qualities that have made Benjamin Myers an audience favorite. *The New Yorker* magazine said of a concert with the Hartt Symphony in Alice Tully Hall, "The best soloist was the first cello, Benjamin Myers, who added a romantic line to the duet." *Music Monthly* said of another performance that he was "riveting and delightful to behold."

Myers was only 19 when he took top prize in the 1987 Emerson String Quartet Competition resulting in a guest appearance as the cellist of that quartet. Since then, Myers has appeared as soloist and chamber musician in major halls in America, Europe, and Taiwan. He has given three solo and chamber performances in New York's Carnegie Hall (Weill Recital Hall) under the auspices of the LaGessee Foundation.

Myers is the award-winning Gemini Piano Trio's cellist, and one of its founders. The *American Record Guide* praised the trio's debut CD featuring works by Ives and Brahms saying, "There is an admirable balance between confidence, polished technique, and impulsive, romantic ardor in this performance." Their second album, featuring trios by Ravel and Shostakovich, also was also received by audiences around the world enthusiastically.

Myers' recent performance with the Gemini Piano Trio in Carnegie Hall's Weill Recital Hall garnered a rave review from veteran critic Edith Eisler in *The New York Concert Review*.

Dr. Myers has the distinction of being the first person ever to earn a doctoral degree in cello performance from the highly selective program at the New England Conservatory of Music, where he also earned his master's degree. He earned a bachelor's degree (summa cum laude) from the Hartt School of Music.

He also studied with David Finckel of the Emerson Quartet, and soloists David Wells, David Gibson, and Colin Carr. He has also played in master classes for cellists such as Steven Doane and Yo-Yo Ma. Myers has also appeared as principal cello of many orchestras, including the Aspen Concert Orchestra, Concert Artists of Baltimore, and the Baltimore Chamber Orchestra. Dr. Myers is on the music faculty of Goucher College and Howard Community College, where he also directs the Advanced Cello Ensemble.

Myers has a studio of advanced students, several of whom have gone on to study at some of the best conservatories and music schools in the country, including Peabody, New England Conservatory, and Manhattan School of Music.