

Joshua Gordon biography - 300 words

The cellist Joshua Gordon has won acclaim from audiences, critics, colleagues, and composers for his dramatic music making and rich tone. An experienced soloist, chamber musician, recording artist, orchestra player, and educator, he is the cellist of the Naumburg Award winning Lydian String Quartet, principal cellist of the Boston based New England String Ensemble, a member of the music faculty of Brandeis University, and resident cellist at the annual Wellesley Composers Conference. He has performed across the United States, Canada, Australia, Europe, Japan, and South America. He was a member of the New York Chamber Soloists, the Group For Contemporary Music, and the New Millennium Ensemble, and has been a guest of the Cassatt, Juilliard, and Ying Quartets, Chameleon Arts Ensemble, Fromm Players at Harvard University, Kowmung Music Festival (Australia), New York Festival of Song, North Country Chamber Players, Orpheus Chamber Orchestra, Williams College Players, and with Speculum Musicae and Emmanuel Music, where he recently performed on Emmanuel's Bach cello suite retrospective series.



In 2007 Joshua Gordon and Randall Hodgkinson were awarded a Copland Fund grant for their critically acclaimed CD from New World Records, "Leo Ornstein: Complete Works For Cello and Piano," named one of the top 10 classical recordings of 2007 by the All Music Guide and the Star-Ledger (NJ). Their most recent collaboration performed at Brandeis and at Bargemusic in New York City celebrated Elliott Carter's centennial birthday; on February 28 at Brandeis they will be premiering a new work by Scott Wheeler along with works by Koechlin, Fauré, and Chopin. As a Lydian, Gordon can be heard on Centaur Records in the four quartets of Vincent Persichetti and on a new release of John Harbison's Third and Fourth Quartets; he is also featured on recordings from Albany Records, CRI, Cala, Koch International Classics, Naxos, and Tzadik.

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