

Zoltan Csikos

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Education

- **University of North Texas** **2016 – 2021**

Doctor of Musical Arts in Cello Performance with a Related Field in Early Music, member of the Graduate Conducting Quartet (2016/17), the Center Piano Trio (2020), and Cello Teaching Fellow (2017/18/19) with a GPA of 4.0.

- **University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign** **2015 - 2016**

Doctor of Musical Arts Degree started, later transferred to the University of North Texas

- **Columbus State University Schwob School of Music** **2013 - 2015**

Artist Diploma Certificate with a Teaching Assistantship, Member of the CSU Graduate String Quartet

- **University of Novi Sad, Serbia – Academy of Arts, Department of Music** **2007 - 2013**

Bachelor of Music in Cello Performance, Master of Music in Cello Performance

- **Isidor Bajić Music High School, Novi Sad, Serbia** **2003 – 2007**

High School Diploma in Cello Performance

Cello Performances

- Doctoral Lecture on Paul Tortelier's cello method *How I Play, How I Teach* at the University of North Texas 2021
- Performance at the Joseph Sambrook Memorial Lecture at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center 2020
- Collaborative Chamber Music Recitals at the University of North Texas 2020
- Le Salon de la Musique Digital Concert Hall 2020
- University of North Texas DMA Recital No. 3 2019
- UNT CollabFest 2019
- UNT Concerto Competition Winners' Showcase. 2019

As the winner of the annual University of North Texas Concerto Competition performed Tchaikovsky's Pezzo Capriccioso for Cello and Orchestra with the UNT Concert Orchestra.

- Solo Performance at the Music Institute of North Texas 2018
- Guest Chamber Music Performance at the UNT Summer String Institute 2018
- Solo Performance at the Weill Recital Hall of Carnegie Hall, NYC, USA 2018
- University of North Texas DMA Degree Recital No. 2 2018

- University of North Texas DMA Degree Recital No. 1 2017
- Cello Recital at the World Piano Conference in Novi Sad, Serbia 2016
- Guest Recital at the Town Hall of Subotica, Serbia 2014
- Cello Recitals in Columbus, GA, USA 2014
- Cello Recital in Novi Sad, Serbia 2013
- Cello Recitals in Novi Sad, Subotica and Senta, Serbia 2012
- Concerto Competition Winners' Showcase, Novi Sad, Serbia 2010

As the winner of the annual Academy of Music Concerto Competition performed Tchaikovsky's Variations on a Rococo Theme for Cello and Orchestra with the Academy of Music Symphonic Orchestra in the Concert Hall of the City of Novi Sad, Serbia.

Competitions and Prizes (Solo, Piano Trio, and String Quartet)

- Andy Knapik Music Scholarship 2020
- University of North Texas Outstanding Graduate String Student Award 2019
- University of North Texas Concerto Competition Winner 2019
- 2nd Prize at The American Protégé International Competition in the College Students/Professionals Category 2018
- Semi-finalist at the Young Texas Artists Music Competition 2018
- Texas Public Education Grant Recipient 2018
- Academic Achievement Scholarship (UNT Toulouse Graduate School) 2016 - 18
- *Dr. Elemér and Éva Kiss Scholarship* of The Hungarian-American Coalition 2013 - 19
- Schwob School of Music Concerto Competition, Semi-Finalist 2014, 2013
- 3rd Prize at the Petar Konjović International Chamber Music Competition in Belgrade, Serbia 2011
- Winner of the Academy of Music Concerto Competition in Novi Sad, Serbia 2010
- Academic Scholarship of The Ministry of Education of the Republic of Serbia 2007 - 11
- 1st Prize at the National Chamber Music Competition in Belgrade, Serbia 2007
- 1st Prize at the National Chamber Music Competition in Belgrade, Serbia 2005
- 2nd Prize at the National Cello Competition in Belgrade, Serbia 2004

Music Festivals and Master Classes

- Master Class with Jean Barr at the University of North Texas 2020
- University of North Texas CollabFest 2019
- Master Class with Phoebe Carrai 2018
- Master Class with Eugene Osadchy 2018
- UNT Summer String Institute, Chamber Music Coach and Counselor 2017, 2018

- Pirovac International Summer Cello Workshop in Pirovac, Croatia 2017
- Master Class with Lynn Harrell, Chicago, USA 2015
- Red Rocks Chamber Music Festival in Tempe, Arizona, USA 2015
- Master Class with Denis Severin, Neuchatel, Switzerland 2012
- Master Class with Antonio Meneses in Basel, Switzerland 2012
- Master Class with Wendy Warner in Novi Sad, Serbia 2012
- Schumann Festival of the Academy of Arts in Novi Sad, Serbia 2011
- Master Classes with Arto Noras in Vienna, Austria 2010
- Neo-Classicism/Classicism Festival of the Academy of Arts Novi Sad, Serbia 2009, 2008
- Master Classes with Imre Kalman 2003 - 2012
- Master Class with David Starkweather in Novi Sad, Serbia 2007
- Belgrade Cello Festival: Master Classes with Louise Hopkins, Ksenia Jankovich, Alexander Kniazev, and Stanislav Apolin 2005, 2006

Orchestral Experience

- European Ensemble Strings 2018 - Present
- The Alton Ensemble 2017 - Present
- The Orchestra of New Spain 2021 - Present
- San Angelo Symphony Orchestra 2018 - Present
- Plano Symphony Orchestra 2017 - Present
- Irving Symphony Orchestra 2017 - Present
- University of North Texas Symphony Orchestra 2016 - 2019
- Odysseus Chamber Orchestra 2017 - 2018
- Danville Symphony Orchestra 2015
- Sinfonia da Camera (of the University of Illinois) 2015
- University of Illinois Symphony Orchestra 2015
- Kankakee Valley Symphonic Orchestra 2015
- Columbus State University Philharmonic Orchestra 2013 - 2015
- Columbus Symphony Orchestra 2013 - 2015
- Lagrange Symphony Orchestra 2013 - 2015
- Vojvodina Symphonic Orchestra in Novi Sad, Serbia 2013 - 2015
- Camerata Academica Chamber Orchestra of Novi Sad, Serbia 2010
- Symphonic Orchestra of the Academy of Music in Novi Sad, Serbia 2007 - 2013
- Isidor Bajić Music High School String Orchestra 2003 - 2017

Teaching Experience

- Midwestern State University, Wichita Falls, TX. 2021 – Present
Adjunct Professor
- Wakeland High School, Frisco, TX 2020 - Present
- Cobb Middle School, Frisco, TX 2020 - Present
- Rodriguez Middle School, Aubrey, TX 2019 - Present
- Navo Middle School, Aubrey, TX 2019 - Present
- Music Institute of North Texas Conservatory in Frisco, TX 2018 - Present
- University of North Texas (Graduate Cello Teaching Fellow) 2017 - 2019

Collegiate Level Primary/Secondary Cello Instruction and Chamber Music Instruction.

- Graduate Teaching Assistant at Columbus State University 2013 - 2015
Cello Instruction at the Schwob School of Music Preparatory Division, Music History Teaching Assistant, Music Appreciation Teaching Assistant.
- Private Cello Lessons 2013 - Present

Cello Professors

- **Nikola Ružević** 2016 – 2020
- **Wendy Warner** 2013 – 2015
- **Imre Kalman** 2002 – 2013

Professional Musical Collaborations

- Alexander Kobrin, Wendy Warner, Imre Kalman, Paul Leenhouts, Sergiu Schwartz, Boris Abramov, Tatiana Muzanova, Liudmila Georgievskaya, Paul Hostetter, Zoran Jakovcic, Donald Schleicher, Kristen Hansen, Lisa Oberlander, Manuel Diaz, Paul Villancourt, David Itkin, Jennifer Lane, Rita Kinka, Hao Zhou, Richard Sparks, Allen Hightower, Allen Whear, Cynthia Roberts, Christoph Hammer, Phoebe Carrai, Liudmila Georgievskaya, Dario Llanos Javierre, , Clay Couturiaux, Brad Bennight, Jessica Napoles, Pamela Mia Paul, John Eckstein, Erin Ellis, Leighton Fong, Ning Zhou, Gerard Cosset, Steven Harlos, etc...

Language Skills

- Hungarian (Fluent)
- English (Fluent)

- Serbian (Fluent)
- German (Intermediate)
- Italian (Intermediate)