

# Natalie Spehar

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## Education

University of Maryland, College Park, Class of 2012. Master of Music in Cello Performance.  
Eastman School of Music, Class of 2009. Bachelor of Music in Applied Performance, Cello, and Certificate in Arts Leadership.

## Performance Experience

### *Concerti*

University of Maryland Percussion Ensemble <i>Elegy: Snow In June</i> , by Tan Dun Dekelboum Concert Hall	College Park, MD	December 2011
Graham Reynolds & Ensemble <i>The Difference Engine</i> , by Graham Reynolds Millennium Stage, The Kennedy Center	Washington, D.C.	February 2011
University of Maryland Percussion Ensemble <i>Lou</i> , by Baljinder Sekhon II Dekelboum Concert Hall	College Park, MD	December 2010
Canton Symphony Orchestra <i>Concerto in Bb Major for Violin &amp; Cello</i> , by Antonio Vivaldi Umstadt Hall	Canton, OH	November 2004

### *Selected Solo Appearances*

Swedenborg Center presents Natalie Spehar & Friends Music with the Angels Concert Series Church of the Holy City	Washington, D.C.	January 2012
MacDowell Music Club “Informance” Concert Series Cable Recital Hall	Canton, OH	December 2011
American University Lecture & Performance on <i>Color Within the Lines</i> by T. Regulski Abramson Family Recital Hall	Washington, D.C.	November 2011

The Experimental Music Performance Organization World Premiere, <i>Color Within the Lines</i> by T. Regulski DeKelboum Concert Hall	Canton, OH	October 2011
Performance with Malek Jandali Concert in Lafayette Park The White House	Washington, D.C.	July 2011
MacDowell Music Club “Informance” Concert Series Cable Recital Hall	Canton, OH	January 2011
Abbey Road on the River Festival Cellist featured with headliner bands All You Need Is Love and on the Lawn Stage	Washington, D.C.	September 2010-11
Natalie Spehar & Friends A Recital Little Flower Church	Canton, OH	May 2010
Benjamin Zander <i>The Art of Possibility</i> , a motivational seminar Rochester Science Museum	Rochester, NY	May 2007
<b><i>Chamber Music</i></b>		
Great Noise Ensemble, a contemporary classical ensemble Principal Cellist	Washington, D.C.	2010-12
Primitivity, a rock cello ensemble	Washington, D.C.	2010-12
Élan Duo, with Doug O’Connor, saxophone	Rochester, NY	2009-12
Low End String Quartet	Washington, D.C.	2011-12
Athenaeum String Quartet Performed at ENCORE School for Strings Featured in three preconcerts of The Cleveland Orchestra	Hudson, OH	2004
St. Mary’s Church Parish Cellist Performed with chamber ensemble at weekly masses	Rochester, NY	2008-10
Our Lady of Peace Parish Parish Cellist Performed with folk group at weekly masses	Canton, OH	1997-2005

## ***Orchestra***

Winchester Symphony Orchestra Substitute Principal Cellist	Winchester, VA	2011
University of Maryland Symphony Orchestra Principal Cellist	College Park, MD	2010-11
Eastman Philharmonia & Chamber Orchestras	Rochester, NY	2005-9
Genesee Symphony Orchestra Substitute Cellist	Genesee, NY	2007-9
Cleveland Orchestra Youth Orchestra Principal Cellist	Cleveland, OH	2002-5

## **Premiere Performances**

- Michael Lee - *String Quartet No. 1* (world premiere, Rochester, NY 2004).  
Dan Visconti - *Storm Windows* for orchestra and soloists (\*soloist, world premiere, Cleveland, OH, 2004).  
Dan Visconti - *Graffiti* for orchestra (world premiere, Cleveland, OH 2004).  
Breffni O'Byrne - *Song of Su Ye* (world premiere, Boston, MA, 2009).  
Louis Andreissen - *De Materie* for orchestra and soloists (US professional premiere at the National Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C., 2010).  
Finola Merivale - *Spehar's Marwa* for alto saxophone and cello (world premiere, Canton, OH, 2010).  
Orie Sato - *Unbekannterweise* for solo cello (world premiere, Canton, OH, 2010).  
Baljinder Sekhon II - *Lou* for amplified cello and percussion ensemble (Maryland premiere, College Park, MD, 2010).  
Orie Sato - *Sarcophilus* for alto saxophone and cello (world premiere, College Park, MD, 2011).  
Marc Mellits - *Book of Ruth* for solo cello (US premiere, Washington, D.C., 2011).  
Malek Jandali - *Anta* (world premiere, Falls Church, VA, 2011).  
Andrew Watts - *Noir Sensations* (world premiere, Middlebury, VT 2011).  
Finola Merivale - *Arbores Erimus...Aut Cementum* (Washington, D.C., 2011).  
Andrew Watts - *Feedback Shift (revised)* (Washington, D.C., 2011).  
Hannah Lash - *Hush* (Washington, D.C. 2011).  
Tomek Regulski - *Color Within the Lines* (College Park, MD 2011).  
Keane Southard - *For Natalie* for solo cello (world premiere, Washington, D.C., 2012).  
Doyle, Sean - *Letters from Zelda* (world premiere, Washington, D.C., 2012).  
Duffallo, Cornelius - *Paranoid Symmetry* (world premiere, Washington, D.C., 2012).

## ***Upcoming Premieres***

- Zoe Keating - TBD work for the Low End String Quartet (amp. quartet, world premiere, Reston, VA, April 14, 2012).  
Sarah Lipstate - TBD work for the Low End String Quartet (amp. quartet, world premiere, Reston, VA, April 14, 2012).

## Studio Recording Projects

*Through the Eye of the Needle*, a documentary by Nina Shapiro, Washington, D.C. (Britton, 2011).  
*On the Inevitability of Loss*. Jonathan Matis, Hyattsville, MD (Matis, 2011).  
*Old Fashioned Love*. Dan Wolff, Germantown, MD (Ambience, 2011).  
*The Last Monarchs - EP*. The Last Monarchs, Alexandria, VA (Inner Ear, 2010).  
*Stronger*. Tamara Marcella, Rochester, NY (ACME, 2010).  
*Test Anxiety*, a short film by Bob Deaver, Rochester, NY (Rochester Institute of Technology, 2010).  
*Mission*. Mike McCabe and Friends, Canton, OH (Airbourne, 2009).  
“Times Are Hard For Dreamers.” Jimmy Chesterfield, Canton, OH (White Rose, 2007).  
*Songs for the Journey*. Our Lady of Peace Folk Group, Canton, OH (White Rose, 2002).  
*The Long Road Home*. The Jack Chesterfield Band, Canton, OH (White Rose, 2001).  
“You.” *You*. Five Seconds Late, North Canton, OH (David Wright, 2001).

## Awards and Honors

Four film festival acceptances for “Text Anxiety,” a film by Bob Deaver, soundtrack by Ms. Spehar (Los Angeles International Children’s Film Festival, 2010; Washington D.C. Independent Film Festival, 2011; San Francisco Bay Area Children’s Festival, 2011; and Phoenix Film Festival, 2011).  
Fusion Arts Exchange program participant (one of five Americans selected), U.S. State Department, Northeastern University, Boston, MA (2009).  
Howard Hanson Scholarship – Eastman School of Music (2005-2009).  
MacDowell Music Club Scholarship (2005).  
Cleveland Music School Settlement Scholarship, Cleveland, OH (2004).  
Akron Youth Symphony Concerto Competition Scholarship Winner, Akron, OH (2004).

## Teaching Experience

Taught cello and piano lessons at Olney Conservatory of Music, Olney, MD (2011-12).  
Substituted for private cello instructors at International School of Music, Bethesda, MD (2012).  
Organized and maintained a private cello studio, Cleveland, OH and Hyattsville, MD (2009-12).  
Taught cello lessons at summer music program, Levine School of Music, Washington, D.C. (2011).  
Taught pre-school community music classes, Music for Life, Howard County, MD (2010-11).  
Adjudicated seating auditions for the Central Kentucky Youth Orchestra Symphony and Concert Orchestras, Lexington, KY (2009).  
Substituted for private cello teachers and chamber coaches at Hochstein School of Music & Dance, Rochester, NY (2007-8).  
Taught cello lessons at Public Elementary School #17, Rochester, NY (2007-8).  
Maintained a private cello studio at Martin’s Violin Shop, North Canton, OH (August 2003 – June 2005, Summers 2007-8).

## **Additional Work Experience**

Creator and sole proprietor of Sow Moxie <3, an online jewelry shop (2008-10).  
Arts and Learning Intern of Young Audiences of Rochester, Rochester, NY (2008-9).  
Office Assistant at the Reserve and Circulation Desks of the Sibley Music Library, Eastman School of Music, Rochester, NY (2007-9).

## **Community Outreach**

Served as performing member of the MacDowell Music Club, a national organization promoting community music education (2007-12).  
Served as member of the Friday Morning Music Club, Washington D.C. (2011-12).  
Volunteered weekly, St. Martin's Soup Kitchen, Rochester, NY (2009-10).  
Attended and performed in New Eastman Orchestra events (2006-8).  
Presented several Sigma Alpha Iota musicales each school year at nursing homes and elementary schools (2006-8).  
Performed as a member of the St. Cecilia Society, the music ministry of Eastman's Catholic Newman Community (2005-8).  
Performed several educational concerts as a member of the Cleveland Orchestra Youth Orchestra Quartet (2003-5).

## **Primary Teachers**

Evelyn Elsing, University of Maryland, College Park, MD (2010-2012).  
David Teie, University of Maryland, College Park, MD (2010).  
Martha Baldwin, Cleveland Institute of Music, Cleveland, OH (2002-5, 2009-10).  
Alan Harris, Eastman School of Music, Rochester, NY (2005-9).  
Richard Weiss, Cleveland Institute of Music, Cleveland, OH (2002-5).  
Deborah Newcomb, Akron Symphony Orchestra, Akron, OH (1999-2001).

## **Secondary Teachers**

<i>Cello</i>	<i>Chamber Music</i>	<i>Masterclasses</i>
Peter Wiley	Ying Quartet	Truls Mørk
Stephen Geber	Guarneri Quartet	Darrett Adkins
Kathleen Kemp		Elizabeth Simkin

## **Summer Music Festivals**

New Music on the Point, Leicester, VT (2011).  
Northeastern University's Fusion Arts Exchange, Boston, MA (2009).  
Boston University Tanglewood Institute, Lenox, MA (2005).  
ENCORE School for Strings, Hudson, OH (2003-4).  
ARIA International Summer Music Academy, London, Ontario, Canada (2002).  
Baldwin Wallace Summer Music Institute, Berea, OH (2001).