

ARTIST BIOGRAPHY

Steffan Morris

Cello

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Much in demand as a soloist, chamber and orchestral player, Welsh cellist Steffan Morris enjoys a very varied career.

At 13 years old, Steffan started studying at the Yehudi Menuhin School in Surrey with distinguished cellist, Thomas Carroll. While a student there he performed as a soloist at many notable venues such as St David's Hall and Wales Millennium Centre in Cardiff, Wigmore Hall and the Royal Albert Hall in London.

At 17 years old, Steffan won the Texaco Young Musician of Wales.

In 2010, Steffan moved to Vienna to study the cello under the prestigious tutor Professor Heinrich Schiff at the University of Music and Performing Arts. He is the youngest ever guest principal cello with the Vienna Chamber Orchestra and has also been guest principal cello with the London Philharmonic Orchestra, The Royal Philharmonic Orchestra and BBC National Orchestra of Wales. In January 2020, he joined the Royal Northern Sinfonia as principal cellist.

He is Creative Associate for Sinfonia Cymru and has performed with them as a soloist. He has also performed as soloist for The Cardiff Philharmonic Orchestra, the Surrey Philharmonic Orchestra and The Guildford Philharmonic Orchestra amongst others. His concert and recital engagements have taken him to Japan, Holland, Germany, Italy, Russia and Austria.

Steffan is Artistic Director of the Nidum Ensemble - a dynamic, diverse and innovative group of young professional musicians who are passionate about bringing chamber music to audiences across the UK.

As former-cellist of the Marmen Quartet, he has performed across the UK and internationally. The quartet were the winners of the 2019 Bordeaux International String Quartet Competition and the Banff International Quartet Competition.

As a tutor, he was assistant professor at the Yehudi Menuhin School and Royal College of Music, London and currently teaches at the Royal Welsh College of Music & Drama, Cardiff.

Steffan plays a 1770 cello made by Johannes Cuypres in the Hague. He is sponsored by Kate Dugdale.

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