

JAMES SANGOH YOO - cello

James sangoh Yoo is currently a cellist in the Auckland Philharmonia Orchestra and Auckland Piano Trio. He was born in South Korea and he lived and studied in Australia from a young age. His teachers in Australia were Thomas Tsai and Susan Blake. He continued his cello studies with Maria Kliegel in Germany at Cologne University of Music and Dance.

James has been awarded first prize in numerous competitions, including the Kuring-Gai Concerto Competition, Australian Performing Arts Challenge and Cologne University of Music and Dance Competition. James has performed regularly on Fine Music 102.5fm and Australian Broadcasting Corporation radio broadcast and also performed a number of major cello concertos with various orchestras and ensembles including SBS Television and Radio Youth orchestra, Kuring-Gai Philharmonie Orchestra, North Sydney Youth Symphony and Camerata Ensemble.

In 2013-2014, James was a fellow of Sydney Symphony Orchestra and before his return to Sydney from Germany, he was Principal Cello of Junge Philharmonie Köln(2010-2011) and Associate Principal Cello of Klassische Philharmonie Bonn (2011-2012). He started working as a full time cellist in Auckland Philharmonia Orchestra in 2015.

Along with his career as a performer, he also has a great interest in music education. Before moving to Auckland, he taught many students from kindergarten to university level and he taught cello and chamber music at Conservatorium High School and St.Andrew's Cathedral School in Sydney. All of his students are taking ABRSM exams on a regular basis.