

Jenny Rong Cao, Cello
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EDUCATION

- 2019-Present **University of Memphis, Rudi E. Scheidt School of Music, Memphis, TN**
Doctor of Music Arts in Cello Performance, ABD
Graduate Teaching Assistant
- 2019 **University of Arizona, Fred Fox School of Music, Tucson, AZ**
Master of music performance in Cello Performance
RC Waiver Scholarship
Graduate Fellowship
- 2017 **East China Normal University, School of Music, Shanghai, China**
Bachelor of Music in Cello Performance
Advance Students scholarship

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2019-Present **Rudi E. Scheidt School of Music Graduate Teaching Assistant, Memphis, TN.**
Instructor of Applied Cello 2020 Fall, Music Appreciation 2019-2022;
- Graduate Teaching Assistant duties include:*
Arranged Cello Studio Class 2020 Fall;
Chamber Music Coaching 2019 Fall;
Orchestra Sectional Coaching and Rehearsal 2019-Present.
- 2022-Present **Arkansas State University Mid-South Adjunct Teacher, West Memphis, AR**
Teaching Music Appreciation at 2022 Spring as Adjunct Instructor.
- 2020-2021 **Interlochen Summer Camp String Teaching Assistant, Interlochen, MI**
Intermediate advanced students chamber coaching;
Junior String ensemble rehearsal;
Junior String advanced students chamber coaching;
- 2021-Present **Collierville High School Cello Coach, Collierville, TN**
Coaching Cello sectional for Collierville High School Orchestra project, Giving
Technique group lesson and helped students prepare audition for 2021 All-west
Orchestra.

- 2019-2020 **Teaching Artist at Arts for Life's Sake, Memphis, TN**
Intro Music theory Instructor, String Ensemble Coach.
- 2018 **Blue lake Art Summer Camp Cello instructor and Counselor, Twin lake, MI**
Cello instructor, Unit Counselor, Cello sectional coaching.
- 2016-2017 **Teaching Artist Xingmengzhu Music School, Shanghai, China**
Cello instructor
- 2016-Present **Private Cello Teacher**
Teaching cello lessons privately in-person and visually with students in Shanghai, China; Tucson, AZ and Memphis, TN.

University Service

- 2021-present **University of Memphis CCFA Student Advisory Board, Memphis, TN**
Represent School of Music discuss concerns, issues or suggestions with the Dean Hogan of the College of Communication of Fine Arts.

PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE

Orchestra

- 2019-Present **University of Memphis Orchestra, Memphis, TN**
Principle Cello
- 2021-Present **Delta Symphony Orchestra, Jonesboro, AR**
Sectional Cello
- 2022- Present **Sinfonietta Memphis, Memphis, TN**
Sectional Cello
- 2015 **Conway Symphony Orchestra, Conway, AR**
Principle Cello
- 2018-2019 **Arizona Symphony Orchestra, Tucson, AZ**
Sectional Cello
- 2018 **Blue Lake Festival Orchestra, Twin Lake, MI**
Sectional Cello
- 2017-2018 **University of Arizona Philharmonic Orchestra, Tucson, AZ**
Sectional Cello
- 2013-2017. **East of China Normal University Symphony Orchestra, Shanghai, China**
Sectional Cello

Music Theater

- 2021 **Delta Symphony Orchestra: Ragtime, Jonesboro, AR**
Sectional Cellist
- 2018 **Tucson Music Theater: Spring Awake, Tucson, AZ**
Solo Cellist

2018 **Tucson Music Theater: Music Man, Tucson, AZ**

Solo Cellist

2019 **CYT Tucson: Beauty and The Beast, Tucson, AZ**

Solo Cellist

Music Festival, Conference and Summer Camp

2022 **SphinxConnect, Detroit, MI**

Awarded as SphinxConnect Fellowship to attend the conference.

2021 **Interlochen Summer Camp, Interlochen, MI**

String teaching assistant for Junior, Intermediate, High school string students. Performing faculty concert, High school composer concerts, Junior string ensemble concert.

2019 **Tucson Jazz Festival, Tucson, AZ**

Sectional cello in the festival orchestra for the opening night.

2019 **Daniel Asia Music Festival, Tucson, AZ**

Sectional cello in the festival orchestra for the opening night.

2019 **Tucson Cello Congress, Tucson, AZ**

Principle Cello playing in the festival cello ensemble and premier the cello ensemble composition by Lily Cottam.

2018 **Blue Lake Art Summer Camp, Twin Lake, MI**

Cello instructor for Cello Sectional coaching and performing with the students in the Blue Lake Art Summer Camp Orchestra.

2018 **Tucson Cello Congress, Tucson, AZ**

Sectional Cello playing in the festival cello ensemble.

Chamber Music

2022-Present **Lorraine String Quartet, Memphis, TN**

Graduate string quartet at the Rudi E. Scheidt of Music, performing regularly in the university and local. Please see link:

https://www.memphis.edu/music/ensembles/lorraine_string.php

2019-Present **Bluff City Cello Ensemble, Memphis, TN**

Cello Ensemble coached by Professor Kimberly Patterson, performing at the Memphis Grizzlies NBA game and other events in Memphis, TN. Please see link:

https://www.memphis.edu/music/ensembles/cello_ensemble.php

2017-2019 **RCJ Piano Trio, Tucson, AZ**
Played alongside Italian violist Chiara Ferrero and local pianist Rachael Radtke, coached by Professor Tim Kantor, performing at various concerts and events in Tucson and Greenville, AZ.

2013-2017 **East China Normal University String Quartet, Shanghai, China**
String Quartet coached by Professor Shuangze Xie, performing at numerous concerts and events in Shanghai City area.

Solo Recital

2021 **Playhouse at the square, Memphis, TN**
Guest Artist, Indie Movie Festival.

2021 **University of Memphis, Memphis, TN**
DMA recital

2020 **Idlewild Church, Memphis, TN**
Guest Artist Solo recital invited by the church.

2020 **University of Memphis, Memphis, TN**
DMA recital

2019 **University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ**
MM recital

New Music/ Contemporary Music

2022 **Contemporary Chamber Players Concert, University of Memphis**
Bend/Boogie/Break (2018) by Holly Harrison

2021 **High School Composer Concerts, Interlochen Center for the Arts**
Social Chameleon (2021) by Joshua Dix;
6.11.2021;8:01 PM (2021) by James Bernard;
Lac de L'ours Polaire (2021) by logyn Okuda;
Decay (2021) by Noah Koffman-Adsit;
Searching for the Secrets of the Universe... and finding them in my popcorn. Ceiling. (2021) by Joshua Dix;
Bustard's Custards (2021) Alexander Su.

2020 **Contemporary Chamber Players Concert, University of Memphis**
Amplified Cello for the composition Commitment Bed (2016) by Viet Cuong.

2019

Prime Concert for Qianling Xue “String trio I”, Tucson, AZ

Played with violist Jennifer Rran Doan and violinist Dr Immanuel Abraham at the Premier Concert of Qianling Xue’s “String trio I” in Tucson, AZ.

2019

Daniel Asia Music Festival, Tucson, AZ

Sectional cello in the festival orchestra for the opening night.