

A Letter from the Artistic Director 2026

Dear Cellists and Cello Lovers,

Welcome to our 10th annual UW Cello Festival. This milestone event represents the culmination of a decade of excellent programming, in which we have featured world class artists including Lynn Harrell, Ken Slowik, David Geber, Julia Lichten, Guy Johnston, Rick Mooney, and Steven Isserlis, as well as talented regional cellists and presenters. I am proud of my institution, the University of Wyoming, for providing the support to make this event possible, and grateful to you all, our participants, whose enthusiasm and passion makes the whole effort worthwhile.

This year we look forward to Tchaikovsky Competition and Grammy winning cellist Zlatomir Fung. Mr. Fung will perform with the advanced cello choir, give a masterclass, and present a solo recital of our Gala Evening concert. Once again, the festival will feature the Intermediate, Advanced, and Combined Cello Choirs.

In addition, we'll have sessions and masterclasses throughout the afternoon, and vendors, including Denver Violins, Luther Strings, and luthier Marcus Reid showcasing instruments and bows in our lobbies.

Look forward to an amazing silent auction with musical scores, cello strings and accessories, and more! The silent auction is an important fundraiser for us- and helps to keep the festival in the green.

This festival would not be possible without our generous sponsors. Please support these fine businesses and institutions: the Wyoming Arts Council, Denver Violins, Barenreiter, GEWA, Pirastro, Marcus Reid, Larsen Strings, Leatherwood Rosin, Jargar Strings, Ovation Press, Robertson's and Sons Violin Shop, the Viola da Gamba Society of America, UW A&S Dean's INREACH, UW Fine Arts Outreach, and the UW Music Department. This project is supported in part by Creative West which receives support in part from the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency.

Looking forward to seeing you in April!

Beth Vanderborgh
Artistic Director
UW Cello Festival