

Paul Lee, soloist

A senior at Westview High School, Paul started playing the cello at the age of 10 and currently studies with Hyun-Jin Kim. He has been a member of several ensembles, including the Portland Youth Philharmonic, all levels of OMEA (Oregon Music Educators Association) and NAFME (National Association for Music Education) symphonic orchestras, where he served as principal cellist through the All-National level, and groups at the Tanglewood and Brevard music centers. He has won first prize in competitions organized by the OMTA/MTNA (Oregon Music Teachers Association/Music Teachers National Association), the OSAA (Oregon School Activities Association), and several orchestras. He has received honors in the Blount-Slawson Young Artist Competition, the Northwest Division of the MTNA competition, the Coeur D'Alene Symphony National Young Artists Competition, and the ENKOR International Competition (Strings), amongst others. Paul has spent two summers in Seoul, South Korea studying with KBS (Korean Broadcasting System) Symphony principal cellist Kim Woo-Jin, while also receiving instruction from Robert DeMaine and Jonathan Spitz, principal cellists of the Los Angeles Philharmonic and the New Jersey Symphony, respectively. He has participated in masterclasses with Peter Wiley, Tom Landschoot, Jeff Zeigler, Nicholas Tzavaras, Efe Baltacigil, and the Muir and Shanghai Quartets.

