

From Durham, North Carolina, violist and violinist **Colin Laursen** began his musical education at a young age, and developed an early passion for chamber music by performing frequently with his brother.

Colin's chamber music mentors have included members of the Juilliard String Quartet, the Brentano Quartet, the Cleveland Quartet and the Borromeo Quartet. Colin has performed in quartet for Alice Tully Hall's Wednesdays at One series, Juilliard's Focus Festival, Mimir Chamber Music Festival in Fort Worth, TX, as well as the Kennedy Center's Conservatory Project series, 21C New Music Festival in Toronto, and the McGill International String Quartet Academy. Last summer, Colin performed at the Taos School of Music.

Colin Studies with Ettore Causa at the Yale School of Music. He holds an Artist Diploma from the Glenn Gould School in Toronto, where he studied violin with Paul Kantor and Mayumi Seiler; previously he studied with William Preucil at the Cleveland Institute of Music, and Joel Smirnoff at The Juilliard School.

Colin has won numerous awards in his native North Carolina, including the Winston Salem Symphony concerto competition and the Durham Symphony concerto competition, and appeared as a soloist with both orchestras.