

## Emma Hays Johnson

Cellist Emma Hays Johnson currently resides in the DMV area after finishing her second Master of Music in Cello Performance under the tutelage of Edward Arron at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst. During her time there, she performed solo and chamber recitals and participated in masterclasses from world-renowned musicians from ensembles such as the Ying Quartet, Dover Quartet, and Juilliard Quartet.

As a chamber musician, Emma Hays has worked alongside distinguished performers Xiao-Dong Wang, Hye-Jin Kim, Ara Gregorian, Colin Carr, Emanuel Gruber, and Raman Ramakrishnan. In addition to her chamber ensembles, the Milo Piano Trio and the Iter String Trio, she has been a member of several notable orchestras including the Spartanburg Philharmonic Orchestra and the American Festival Pops Orchestra and subs with the Mid-Atlantic Symphony Orchestra. Emma Hays enjoys teaching and maintains a private cello studio at M Institute for the Arts in D.C.

Other cello instructors and degrees include a Bachelor of Music in Performance from George Mason University under the tutelage of Kenneth Law, and a Master of Music degree from East Carolina University under the instruction of Emanuel Gruber.