

Hillel Zori

(Israel)

One of today's prominent virtuosos, cellist Hillel Zori is widely recognized as one of the top musicians to ever emerge from Israel. A winner of the America Israel Cultural Foundation annual awards, Hillel Zori completed his studies with Prof. Uzi Wiesel at the Israel Rubin Music Academy "Cum Laude" and continued at the New England Conservatory with Bernard Greenhouse.

Zori, whose playing had been linked directly to the greatest romantic style as well as being described by the international press to once again give life to the 'Jewish tradition'. He has distinguished himself as the gold medal winner of the 1986 Maria Canals International cello competition in Barcelona. And by winning top prizes at the Whitaker competition in St. Louis, the Premio–Stradivari in Italy, the Geneva CIEM, the Dutilleux prize at the Rostropovich competition in Paris, the Tanglewood Music Center Jackson award, and as the first cellist to win the Shapira Award in Tel Aviv.

Since his debut in 1984 with the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra under the baton of Zubin Mehta, Zori has been featured as a soloist in Israel and abroad. He has performed with the BBC Scottish Symphony, the Düsseldorf Symphony Orchestra, the Philadelphia Chamber Orchestra, the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra IBA, the Israel Chamber Orchestra, the Dartington Festival Orchestra (UK), the Bremen Kammerphilharmonie among many others, performing with prominent conductors such as Rodan, Mandeal, Volkov, Fisch, Brabins, Sheriff, Brotons and Justus Franz.

As an avid chamber musician and as member of the Israel Piano Trio, he has toured the globe extensively and has been a frequent guest at many festivals such as the Marlboro, Tanglewood, Dartington, Berlin, Israel, and Athens festivals. His activities have brought him to major concert venues such as the Amsterdam Concertgebouw chamber music hall, Salle Gaveau in Paris, the Carnegie Zankell Hall NY, the Tel Aviv Museum, the Moscow Music Dome, The Wigmore Hall and the UN assembly in New York.