

Lahni Russell

Principal Cello

Chair supported by Sandra Beardsall, Bill Richards, Esther Cherland, and David Jobling

Lahni Russell joined the Saskatoon Symphony as Principal Cellist/Artist in Residence in 1989. A student of the world-renowned cellist, Janos Starker, she completed Bachelor and Master of Music degrees from Indiana University, both with High Distinction. Additional honours include her appointment as Associate Instructor of Cello at IU and the IU School of Music's prestigious Performer's Certificate. She is the only cellist to have won the Saskatchewan Concerto Competition and has played solos with the Regina Symphony, the Calgary Philharmonic Players, the Saskatchewan Chamber Orchestra, Saskatoon Symphony and the Tanglewood Centre Orchestra.

Lahni has performed as Solo Cellist with the Royal Winnipeg Ballet on their North American tours. In 1998, she earned tenure with the Vancouver Symphony. She has regularly served as Principal Cellist with Saskatoon Opera and is the founding cellist of the University of Saskatchewan Amati Quartet, the Black Pearl Alkemykal String Quartet and Prairie Virtuosi. Ms. Russell is also an accomplished luthier and bowmaker, with a particular interest in restorations. She has studied the art of violin and bow making/restoration with Ole Stefan Dahl, Benjamin Ruth, Hans Nebel, Horst Klaus, Rodney Mohr and William Salchow.

When not playing with stringed instruments, Lahni enjoys baking sourdough bread and cherishing her grandchildren.

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