



Deirdre Bencsik Principal Cello

Deirdre was born in Northampton and studied initially with William Boughton and Christopher Bunting, subsequently at the Guildhall School of Music with Leonard Stehn and Raphael Wallfisch and later with Robert Gardener in Aspen, Colorado. She began her career freelancing with the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra, Northern Sinfonia, English String Orchestra, Peterborough String Orchestra, Opera North, Scottish Chamber Orchestra, the Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra, the London Mozart Players and Scottish Opera Orchestra.

Since 1983, Deirdre has been a member of sinfonia ViVA. As principal cellist with the orchestra, she enjoys a variety of orchestral and chamber music concerts, as well as the innovative education and outreach projects linked with their performances. Deirdre is also a member of the Usher Piano Trio and the Sancerre String Quartet, performing regular chamber concerts in Lincoln. She has also appeared on numerous occasions as a soloist performing the concertos of C.P.E Bach, Saint-Saens, Haydn, Elgar and Martinu and Tchaikowsky's "Rococco" Variations, Beethoven's Triple concerto and the Brahms Double Concerto.

Deirdre is also a qualified Music Therapist, working initially in the Mental Health Sector with adults in hospitals and Day Care Centres across Nottinghamshire and more recently, physically and mentally handicapped children in a Special School in her local village.
