

Biography of Christian Wrona

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“Attract[ing] widespread attention for his natural, virtuosic command of the viola and his mature, impassioned musicianship,” (Western News) Christian Wrona brings a breath of fresh air to the classical music scene. In recent years he has made appearances at the Juno Awards CBC Classical Showcase, the Schleswig-Holstein Music Festival and Toronto Summer Music. He has performed at venues such as Konzerthaus Berlin, The Beijing National Center for Performing Arts, La Maison Symphonique, has collaborated with ZDF to broadcast Weihnachten mit dem Bundespräsidenten and in 2024 played under the baton of Daniel Barenboim.

Currently studying at Hochschule für Musik Hanns Eisler Berlin under the tutelage of Annemarie Moorcroft, Mr. Wrona fully attributes any sort of success to the great mentorship he has had along the way. Previously studying with Steven Dann at the Glenn Gould School and Sharon Wei St. John at Western University, he has also had the opportunity to learn from artists such as Tabea Zimmerman, Kim Kashkashian, Lawrence Power, Maxim Rysanov, Richard O'Neill, James Ehnes, and many others. Mr. Wrona also studies chamber music at the Universität der Künste Berlin under the guidance of Vineta Sareika and holds a degree in Computer Science from the University of Western Ontario where his artistic studies were funded entirely by the Gordon Jeffrey Foundation.

Above all else Mr. Wrona enjoys playing chamber music with friends. He has shared the stage with Ensemble Made in Canada, The Gryphon Trio, members of the Cavani Quartet and has performed in various ensembles in young artist festivals across Canada. He has also performed with L'Orchestre de la Francophonie, The Detroit Civic Orchestra, The National Youth Orchestra of Canada, and was a member of Staatskapelle Halle (Saale) in 2023. Mr. Wrona has also appeared as a guest soloist with the Western Symphony Orchestra, the Huckleberry Festival Orchestra and had the honor of performing at the “Farewell für Tabea Zimmerman,” sharing the stage with his teacher in 2023.

Passionate about outreach and community, Mr. Wrona has also organized projects such as a benefit concert to aid in the relief of the Super Typhoon Haiyan Devastation. With friends from the Windsor Symphony Orchestra, the Windsor-Filipino Community Centre, CBC Radio One and Global Medic, \$74,000 was raised towards the cause.