



Joely Koos

Joely has established herself as a versatile and compelling performer, pursuing a varied musical career as a soloist, chamber musician and orchestral player. She is Principal Cellist of the English Symphony Orchestra and Co-Principal Cellist with the City of London Sinfonia. She is regularly invited as guest principal with leading UK orchestras including the BBC Philharmonic, BBC National Orchestra of Wales, London Sinfonietta and the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra

As a soloist she has appeared with several orchestras, including broadcast performances with the London Sinfonietta, BBC Concert Orchestra and City of London Sinfonia. This year she collaborated with composer Jeremy Thurlow on a new cello concerto written for her and there are plans to record this in 2027. Alongside her orchestral work, she performs widely as a chamber musician at festivals and concert series across the UK and enjoys championing new music. For the last three years Joely was Joint Artistic Director of the St Endellion Summer Music Festival with Roderick Williams and then with Rachel Nicholls. Deeply committed to education, Joely was professor of cello at Trinity Laban Conservatoire for over three decades and now teaches at Eton College. She is also Artistic Director of Cello Dynamo, an immersive course for outstanding young cellists. She serves on the board of governors of the Benslow Instrumental Loan Scheme, which provides instruments for talented young musicians. When she is not performing or teaching, Joely enjoys the challenge of playing the cello while singing at the same time—“like going to the brain gym”. She is also a keen Pilates enthusiast and leads online community classes through the Breathe-Music platform.