

Brazilian cellist Marilyn de Oliveira has been the Assistant Principal Cellist of the Oregon Symphony since September, 2009. During her few years in Portland, Marilyn has already been an active member of the area's classical music outreach and education scene with efforts such as founding the Oregon Symphony Player's Caroling Project, being a coach to Portland Youth Philharmonic students and being a part of the Portland Summer Ensembles faculty. Prior to joining the Oregon Symphony, Marilyn was a member of the San Antonio Symphony for three seasons as both a section player and acting assistant principal. She has also been a fellow of the New World Symphony, Tanglewood Music Center (where she received the Karl Zeise Memorial Cello Prize), Spoleto Festival USA, Kent/Blossom Music Center, and Youth Orchestra of the Americas. In 2006, Marilyn was the Bronze Award Winner in the senior division of the 9th Annual Sphinx Competition. She holds a Bachelor of Music degree from Indiana University under cellist Emilio Colon and a Master of Music degree from Rice University with Norman Fischer. Some of her live solo performances can be heard regularly on National Public Radio's Performance Today. Marilyn is married to Oregon Symphony cellist Trevor Fitzpatrick.