

SPECIAL FEATURE on BENAR HEIFETZ

1899 - 1974 Russia

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Important Positions:

Cellist of Kolisch String Quartet 1927-1939.

Principal cello Philadelphia Orchestra 1939-1943 (sometimes playing as sub-principal cello).

Co-principal cello NBC Symphony Orchestra 1943-1954.

During the 1940s Heifetz played with the Budapest String Quartet.

He was also the cellist of the Coolidge Quartet and they gave the world premier of the Berg Quartet by memory - amazing!

In the second half of the 1960s and the first half of the 1970s he performed with the Balsam-Kroll-Heifetz Trio

Anecdotes:

* Benar Heifetz studied with Julius Klengel at the Conservatory in Leipzig, where he was one of his outstanding students together with Emanuel Feuermann and Gregor Piatigorsky.

* in the NBC Symphony Orchestra he played under Toscanini.

* he was not especially known as a teacher, but Jules Eskin at aged 9 years old (later principal cello of the Boston Symphony Orchestra) became his student. And the student said about his maestro: *"He was a wonderfully generous, kind, and sweet man. He used to give me lifts to the subway in his car, and things like that."*

* Because of the enormous celebrity of the violinist Jascha Heifetz some people have supposedly seen an indirect relationship, but this has not been proven.

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AUDIO EXAMPLES:

Saint-Saëns "Le cygne" ('Le carnaval des animaux') - Benar Heifetz, cello; Stokowski conducts

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r26xCj Indg>

and

Schubert - Quintet in C Major, Op. 163 (Adagio) - The Budapest String Quartet with Benar Heifetz, 2nd cello

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kQh1ZjHRYKg>

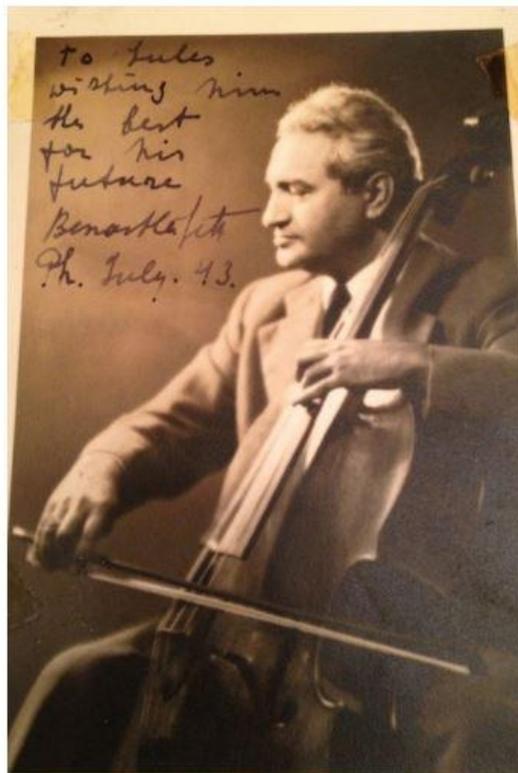
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Photo of the Kolisch Quartet (with Benar Heifetz)



Cellist Benar Heifetz in 1943.

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