

Cellists' Corner

Brief Career Details of Important Cellists

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SPECIAL FEATURE on IVÁN SISO CALVO

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Most will know that I am all in favour of promoting young talent; indeed I hope the younger players become better at least as good as, and hopefully better than, musicians than those of my generation! Therefore, I am happy to introduce you to a worthy young Spanish cellist today...

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Iván Siso Calvo was born in north-west Spain in the city of La Coruña (in Galician 'A Coruña') in 1989. His principal teachers have been Xulia Nogueira, Barbara Switalska, María Casado, Asier Polo and Enrico Dindo. He is someone who participated in a wide range of orchestral and chamber music projects as a youngster; leading him to be selected for the 'JONDE' (the Spanish National Youth Orchestra). This experience led to international studies, including Musikene (the advanced musical centre of the Basque Country), the Accademia Walter Stauffer - Cremona , and the Conservatorio della Svizzera Italiana.

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He has participated in orchestras such as the Spanish National Orchestra (ONE), the Spanish Radio Television Orchestra (ORTVE), the Real Filharmonica of Galicia and the Radio Orchestra of the Svizzera Italiana (OSI). As principal cello he has been invited with the Basque National Orchestra and the Orquesta Sinfónica de Galicia. In smaller groups he has been active in Spira Mirabilis and Sonido Extremo, amongst others.

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Although still only 31 years old today, his wisdom is already being sought after as a professor of cello and chamber music at the university 'Alfonso X el Sabio Faculty of Music and Performing Arts' in Madrid. He currently lives in Madrid.

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Iván is a cellist in whom I have a lot of faith!

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