

# Cellists' Corner

## Brief Career Details of Important Cellists

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**FEATURE on**  
**OLIVIA FRANCES CULPO**

OLIVIA CULPO (born 8th May, 1992) is an American fashion influencer, social media personality, actress....and cellist!

Culpo attended St. Mary Academy – Bay View and later, Boston University, but did not graduate. She began studying the cello in her second grade, and played in the Rhode Island Philharmonic Youth Orchestra, the Rhode Island Philharmonic Chamber Ensemble, the Bay View Orchestra, and the Rhode Island All-State Orchestra. She attended the Brevard Music Center, in Brevard, North Carolina for two summers, and has performed with the Boston Accompanietta.

However, at 20 years old her life definitely makes a big change! After winning the 2012 Miss Rhode Island USA competition on the first pageant she had ever entered, she went on to win the Miss USA pageant on June 3rd, 2012. Culpo therefore represented the United States at the 2012 Miss Universe pageant that was held on December 19th, 2012, in Las Vegas, Nevada – and she ALSO won that competition!



Soon after, Culpo became a big social media personality, gaining a significant following on Twitter, Instagram and YouTube, and has partnered and collaborated with several beauty and fashion brands like L'Oréal, Kipling, and Uberliss as an influencer. Culpo was also featured in the Sports Illustrated Swimsuit Issue, and appeared on the cover of the 2020 issue alongside Jasmine Sanders and Kate Bock. She is now a familiar face on television and the big screen.

“Welcome to my YouTube Channel” Olivia Culpo

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z2AxZzeL\\_v4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z2AxZzeL_v4)

(great personality, and she even plays the cello live!)

Her participation in films so far include:

2014 The Other Woman

2017 American Satan

2018 I Feel Pretty

2020 The Swing of Things

2021 Venus as a Boy

But she DOES NOT forget the cello

She said it!:

*“I grew up in a family of musicians. My dad is a trumpet player, my mom plays the viola in the Boston Pops and all of my siblings also play instruments. I play the cello, and I find it so therapeutic – it’s almost like a meditation. It’s hard to find time to play with my schedule (and the instrument being so hard to travel with!), but I like to sneak in some playing whenever I can.”*

Bravo to Olivier!!



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