

Samuel Cho is a chamber music enthusiast, he co-founded the Fairway String Quartet which received fellowships at many prestigious music festivals, including Juilliard Quartet Seminar, McGill International String Quartet Academy, Norfolk Chamber Music Festival at Yale University, Virginia Tech's Intensive String Quartet Seminar, Accent at Cincinnati Conservatory and Heartland Music Festival. Samuel and his wife Shannon were the founding members of In the Plains Music Festival. Where they share the love of chamber music. As an educator, Samuel is currently the cello instructor at New Heart Music Ministries in Houston, TX. Previously, Samuel served as music faculty at Savannah Country Day School in Savannah, Georgia, cello instructor at St. Mary's Academy in St. Mary's, KS, and lead cello instructor for the String Sprouts program in Kansas City. As an orchestral musician, Samuel was previously a member of the Yinqi Symphony, Topeka Symphony, Fayetteville Orchestra, Lawrence Chamber Orchestra, as well as the Valdosta Symphony Orchestra. Samuel has participated in recording sessions, including two Christmas album—*Incarnation* with pianist Shane Spangler, and *Christmas Reflections from the Heart*, with pianist Claudia Fox. *Air: The Musical* film, and *There's Know Place Like Home* with the Band Kansas. Samuel was awarded his MMA from Conservatory and dance at the University of Missouri Kansas City, where he was a member of the Graduate Fellowship String Quartet, and a BMA degree from Georgia Southern University. Samuel lives in Houston, TX with his wife and three sons.