

John Lee

John Lee is a 15 year old sophomore at Blue Valley Southwest. He currently studies with Kansas City Symphony Associate Principal Cellist Susie Yang. John has played cello for four years, starting before the pandemic and beginning his learning exclusively through online means.

For the past two years, John has taken part in ensembles including Heartland Festival quartets, school quartets, the Kansas City Young Chamber Musicians as well as winning the leadership award, and the Opus 76 Youth quartets (via YSKC). Competition-wise, John is both a KC Symphony Young Artist and Mid-America Performing Arts Alliance (MAPAA) Competition finalist. Orchestrally, John is a member of the YSKC Symphony Orchestra and has made it to the All-State KMEA Full Orchestra. Some of his most recent accomplishments include making the Camerata Orchestra of the 2023 Heartland Chamber Festival and being hired to play in a jazz band with renowned alto saxophonist Tia Fuller on behalf of the KC Jazz Alive program.

John is part of several outside chamber groups such as a cello duet under his teacher, Susie Yang, and a quartet which was hired to perform at Springfield, Missouri under ChiaFei Lin's coaching.

Moving away from his musical life, John takes great interest in science and is a very curious person. John plays sports like basketball and track where he enjoys the thrill of racing.

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