

OSHEEN MANUKYAN –
ARTISTIC DIRECTOR & CELLIST
GERMAINE JACOBS-TAYLOR CHAIR

Osheen Manukyan is an Armenian-American cellist based in Los Angeles. He graduated from the Juilliard School in New York where he was a scholarship student of Timothy Eddy. Prior to his collegiate training, he studied with Richard Naill at the Colburn School. In the 2026–27 season, Manukyan will begin his appointment as Resident Fellow of the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra.

A passionate ensemble musician, Manukyan has served as principal cellist under renowned conductors such as Marin Alsop, Stéphane Denève, and JoAnn Falletta, and has appeared at leading U.S. festivals, including the Music Academy of the West in California, the Sarasota Music Festival in Florida, and Aspen Music Festival in Colorado, where he was a fellowship recipient. In 2017, he was the winner of the Colburn Youth Orchestra Concerto Competition and has appeared on NPR's From the Top at Walt Disney Concert Hall.

Manukyan has served as the Artistic Director of Kontrapunktus since 2022. In addition to his activities as a performer, Manukyan is a dedicated pedagogue. He maintains a private cello studio and mentoring young cellists at the Hollywood Youth Orchestra, a program of Harmony Project.