

# Brannon Cho, First Prize Cello

## *2012 Johansen International Competition for Young String Players*

At the age of 17, **Brannon Cho** won **First Prize Cello** and \$10,000 at the **2012 Johansen International Competition for Young String Players** in Washington, DC in March. In conjunction with his award, he will perform in the JIC Winners' Recital in Washington, DC, in November 2012. He will also return to perform the Dvořák Cello Concerto with the Capital City Symphony in Washington, DC, in May 2013.

Mr. Cho began his cello studies at the age of 7 with Marnie Kaller in NJ. At an early age, he won first prize in several competitions, including the Grand Prize in the NJASTA competition. After being accepted into the Meadowmount School of Music at age 10, he continued his studies there for 5 summers with a Merit scholarship.

Mr. Cho made his debut with the Colonial Symphony in 2008, and recently performed the Dvořák Cello Concerto with the Richardson Symphony Orchestra under the baton of Maestro Anshel Brusilow. In 2010, Brannon was a Runner-up in From the Top's "Big Break" contest, and subsequently performed in Carnegie Hall and on From the Top's radio show.

In January 2012, he gave a master class and performed as a guest artist in the Eastern Washington University's Cellobration. In May 2012, he won Second Place and the Silver Medal at the Stulberg International String Competition in Kalamazoo, MI.



He will perform the Prokofiev Sinfonia Concertante with the Western Michigan University Symphony in October 2012, and the Dvořák Cello Concerto with the Massapequa Philharmonic in December 2012.

Mr. Cho will attend the Heifetz Music Institute in Wolfeboro, NH, during the summer of 2012. In 2011, he made a music video "Julie-O" and won several film festival awards. He plans to make another video, "Bohemian Rhapsody" during the summer of 2012. In September, 2012, he will participate in master classes at the Kronberg Academy in Germany.

He was a semi-finalist of the 6<sup>th</sup> International Tchaikovsky Competition for Young Musicians, the First Prize winner of the 2011 Lennox International String Competition, and the Grand Prize winner of the 2011 ASTA National Competition. He is currently a student of Hans Jørgen Jensen.