

Benjamin Gates, Professional Cellist



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Benjamin Gates, Founder & CEO of Asteroid Titanium Musical Productions & Entertainment, LLC provides live musical performances, audio engineering, produces through creating, composing, and arranging his own music, as well as other musicians' music.

Mr. Gates began playing the acoustic cello as a young child and continued to train in different orchestral programs in elementary, middle, high school, and college. As a family of the Hampton Institute and later renamed Hampton University, he followed his Grandfather, and Sister in attending Hampton University and was elevated to Principal Cellist. He is classically trained, plays most genres by composing and creating all of the cello parts and also, composes songs. A few venues where Benjamin has played includes Washington Hilton Hotel, the Ritz Carlton Hotels, the Four Seasons Hotel, the National Museum of African American History and Culture (NMAAHC), the National Portrait Gallery, the National Gallery of Art, the National Archives, the Walter E. Washington Convention Center, various venues at the National Harbor to include the Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center, Bozzuto, GreyStar and Vornado Development Companies, the Children's Medical Center, Washington, DC, as well as other events hosted by Financial Institutions at the National Museum of African American History and Culture. Mr. Gates has also performed at several galas, conferences and special events at Embassies, Hotels and other historical venues in the Washington, DC area, Richmond and other cities in Virginia, Baltimore, Maryland, St. Michaels, Maryland, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Manhattan, New York and Amelia Island, Florida.

This season Mr. Gates has played for the Inauguration Gala of the newly Maryland Governor, Wes Moore, the African Leadership Summit which was hosted by the White House held at the National African American Museum of History of Culture in which he was complimented by First Lady, Doctor Biden; for the WHOOLC at the Hay Adams, the McGuire Woods Law Firm Diversity Conference in Amelia Island, Florida, the Black History Program hosted by the General Dynamics Information Technology and Black Empowerment Network; the National Law Association's WBA Law Day Dinner, the Cleary Gottlieb Steen and Hamilton Holiday Reception, the Afro Newspaper's Annual Tea in Baltimore, Maryland and Washington, DC; the GEM's Labor Day Brunch, the CARATS Christmas Dinner, various receptions at the National Gallery of Art with Vice President Kamala Harris in attendance of one, to name a few of his events. Other events include Benjamin with another organization played at the White House for now Former President Barrack Obama and the First Family; Black Caucus Events with several African American Congressmen/Congresswomen in attendance; the International Gala with the Queen of Sweden and other international dignitaries; a fundraiser for the new African American Museum with Oprah Winfrey and Congressman John Lewis in attendance; NMAAHC One Year Anniversary Gala for the VIP Reception the Arena Stage where Omari Hardwick performed and awards were presented to Cathy Hughes and Jesse Jackson. He played for some fundraisers for County Executive Angela Alsobrooks and also her VIP Inaugural Reception. Benjamin has acted as a Civil War Era Cellist on the TV show, Mercy Street, PBS.

Mr. Gates spearheads an annual drive by providing new hats, scarves, gloves, and socks called: (Covering You From Head to Toe) to help keep people-in-need during the winter months to homeless shelters and transitional housing.

Benjamin serves as a Pedestrian Safety Advocate in the DMV.