



Doug Badger, Cellist

Doug was born in Edinburgh where, at the age of 11, he began learning the cello with renowned Scottish teacher Eleanor "Kitty" Gregorson MBE. He later attended the Junior Department of the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama, studying with Pat Hair, before progressing to the University of York, where he attained a BA in Music.

In 1998 he moved to Manchester to continue his studies at the Royal Northern College of Music with Jennifer Curtis, and was awarded a Postgraduate Diploma in Advanced Performance in 2000.

Remaining in Manchester, he is now enjoying an active professional career as a freelance cellist with ensembles and orchestras throughout the UK, including the BBC Philharmonic, Royal Liverpool Philharmonic, Opera North, Manchester Camerata, BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra and Skipton Camerata, to name but a few.

He also appears regularly as a concerto soloist, including performances of Haydn C major concerto with Skipton Camerata, Schumann concerto with Alderley Edge Orchestra, Beethoven Triple concerto with Liverpool Mozart Orchestra and, most recently, Brahms Double concerto with St Helens Sinfonietta.

When he's not playing the cello, Doug is an avid chess player and enjoys swimming, yoga and going for walks with his dogs, activities which he counterbalances with the odd beer now and then.

His cello, which is of currently unknown origin, was generously bequeathed to him by his former teacher, the late Kitty Gregorson.

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