

Dominic Cheli's playing has been described as "spontaneous yet perfect, the best of how a young person can play." (*Symphony Magazine*). His rapidly advancing career included his Walt Disney Concert Hall Debut with the Colburn Orchestra where Dominic was "mesmerizing, (he) transfixed the audience...his fingers were one with each key." (*LA Times*). He gave his Carnegie Hall Recital Debut in 2019 and has had a busy performing and recording career ever since. He recorded his 2nd CD on the Naxos label of the music of Liszt/Schubert, and was a performer, producer and editor on a 3rd CD of the music of Erwin Schulhoff for the Delos Label featuring his collaboration on Piano Concerto no.2 with Maestro James Conlon. He also recently completed work as a composer, audio editor and performer on the documentary *Defying Gravity* (2021).

A native of St. Louis, Dominic has performed with orchestras all across the country and abroad including the San Diego Symphony, Sarasota Orchestra, Indianapolis Symphony, Columbus Symphony, Princeton Symphony, Colburn Orchestra, Virginia Symphony, Adrian Symphony, and the Nordwestdeutsche Philharmonie (Germany). He has worked with conductors such as James Conlon, Gerard Schwarz, Valery Gergiev and many others. Dominic debuted at several major festivals across the United States including the Ravinia Festival, Mostly Mozart Festival, and the Virginia Arts Festival. Upcoming engagements include appearances with the Seattle Symphony, a debut at Alice Tully Hall, and his 4th appearance at Carnegie Hall.

In July 2017, Cheli's 1st album, featuring the music of Muzio Clementi and released by Naxos, was hailed as "definitive performances, that match splendid playing with an appreciation of Clementi's diverse, classically based style." Also in 2017, Dominic was named 1st prize winner of the Concert Artists Guild Competition in New York City.

With a fascination and appreciation for the benefits of technology especially in our new virtual age, Dominic was appointed LIVE Director of Tonebase Piano in 2021. As a result, he is the host and presenter of numerous virtual lectures, performances and workshops each month to the 5,000+ subscribers on the platform. His mission is to share personal knowledge and invite guests to democratize high-level music education, allowing everyone to learn from and be inspired by *the best!*

Committed to engaging with his surrounding community, Dominic regularly performs and brings curated programs/educational residencies to schools and retirement homes. He has performed as an artist for *Project: Music Heals Us*, a non-profit organization that presents interactive classical music performances to diverse audiences in order to provide encouragement, education, and healing with a focus on elderly, disabled, rehabilitating, incarcerated, and homeless populations.

Dominic has received degrees from the Manhattan School of Music, Yale University, and the Colburn School studying with Andre-Michel Schub, Peter Frankl, and Fabio Bidini.

Mr. Cheli is a Yamaha Artist and recently appointed faculty member of the Colburn Community Music School.

In his spare time, Dominic enjoys cooking and training for Ironman triathlons.