

# Cony Ruiz,

## Cello

Q: What instrument(s) do you play?

A: Cello

Q: When and how did you get started in music?

A: I started before I was even born. My mom used to play the piano, and my grandmother played the mandolin. Ever since I remember, learning the music notes was a fun game like any other. :) I picked the cello when I was 9, after I saw a very pretty cellist in a red dress playing "The Swan." I fell in love with the instrument.

Q: When did you begin playing with the SOST?

A: I began playing with SOST in the 2013-2014 season.

Q: Educational background?

A: I studied music (cello performance) at the Escuela Superior de Música y Danza de Monterrey with internationally known Bulgarian cellist Temenouzhka Ostreva and Cuarteto Latinoamericano cellist Álvaro Bitrán. I also earned a Bachelor's Degree in Marketing from the Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey (Tec de Monterrey), and a Master's Degree of International Business from Macquarie University in Sydney, Australia.

Q: Who has been your greatest influence in music?

A: My family, for sure. They have always lived music in such a joyful way that made me love it so much.

Q: What is your "day job?"

A: I currently work for GE Oil & Gas in the Sourcing Team, conducting strategic negotiations with global suppliers to buy critical raw materials for offshore equipment building.

Q: Hobbies or activities outside of SOST?

A: I love traveling! I recently went to Iceland and climbed a glacier wall on top of which I was able to look at the famous volcano Eyjafjallajökull that erupted in 2010. Another fun adventure happened while traveling to Sydney for my master's degree in 2007, a bird hit the plane and the plane had to land in Fiji to get fixed. I stayed there for 2 amazing days! I have also been to music festivals in Europe and Mexico and I recently traveled to India and Japan for my Oil & Gas job.

Q: Favorite music?

A: Romantic! My favorite symphony is Tchaikovsky 5th. I also enjoy pretty much every genre. There is always a different type of music for every day in life.