



# Collin Heade

## Conductor, Cellist

### Cello Performance & Instruction

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Collin Heade, a native Oregonian with a Bachelor of Arts in performance from Portland State University, performs as principal cellist for the *Oregon Chamber Players* as well as for the *Willamette Falls Symphony*. Collin has performed concerti with these groups as well as the *Beaverton Chamber Symphony*. Besides playing cello, Collin became conductor of the *North Oregon Coast Symphony* when it was formed in January of 2005 and is musical director for the Astoria Chamber Players.

On January 1, 2010, after conducting *Willamette Falls Symphony* in concert, Collin was unexpectedly honored with the Associate conductor position for that orchestra, the first in this position in their 28-year history. He remains principal cellist for this group as well.

Collin was also honored in January to perform in "8 Hands Too Grand" 100th benefit concert, this one for the Chehalem Cultural Center, a regional cultural performing & visual arts center in Newberg. "Too Grand" is an eight hand, two grand piano ensemble which delights in performing for benefits state wide. The benefit raised \$74,000 in one afternoon. In appreciation, the CCC will name a recording facility in this structure with the group's name.

This past February, in a special Oregon Chamber Players children's concert, Collin's cello performance took on the character attributes of the turtle in a quartet rendition of "The Tortoise and the Hare," entitled "The Great Race," with narration by actor and conductor David Ogden Stiers. David Mullikin wrote this quartet for violin, cello, clarinet & percussion.

After a recent audition with *Willamette Falls Symphony*, Collin is scheduled to perform a solo this November with WFS, in Tchaikovsky's "Andante Cantabile," which was arranged by the composer for string ensemble and solo cello.

A member of the *American Teachers Association* and *Oregon Cello Society*, Collin provides private instruction in Astoria and his professionally designed studio in southeast Portland. He is cellist in residence at Holy Family Catholic Parish, cello instructor at Lake Oswego Music Academy, and is the adjunct cello instructor for Valley Catholic in Beaverton. His most honest critics are Cameretta, his wife of 35 years, and daughter Julie, a recent graduate of Gonzaga University, who round out his special joy in life. His daily companion, Jessy, a 13-year-old pure white Alaskan malamute, keeps Collin hopping. Enjoy his small web site: [portlandcello.com](http://portlandcello.com).