



**Naomi  
Gray**

### Music Education:

B.M., Cello Performance, B.A., Psychology - Northwestern University;  
M.M., Cello Performance - University of Southern California.

### Other Ensembles You Perform With:

Chamber Orchestra of Philadelphia, Reading Symphony, Melomanie, Harrisburg Symphony, Opera Delaware, Princeton Festival Opera, PA Ballet

### Other Professional Activities?

I teach cello privately and also participate in teaching artist work through the DSO.

### Hobbies, Activities?

Cooking and reading, as time permits!



### Instrument/Position:

Cello/Associate Principal

### How long in the DSO?

9 years

### Ideal Vacation?

Road tripping with  
my husband

### Favorite Composer/Piece?

Brahms, Beethoven, Schubert, Bach...  
and, and, and...

### Why?

I've never been able to pick a favorite! I especially enjoy performing chamber music of Beethoven and Schubert

### What teacher/educator/event influenced you the most, and why?

I am indebted to Hans Jorqen Jensen, my cello professor at NU, for my achieving the playing level worthy of so many great professional opportunities. Also to Michael Tilson Thomas for my orchestral education at the New World Symphony in Miami Beach.

### Other Interesting Item(s) About You:

I recently gave birth to Eve (18 months)  
and Rayna (5 months).  
My husband, Josh Kovach,  
and I have  
been enjoying  
the wild ride!

### Cheesesteak Topping?

- American
- Provdone
- Whiz
- Don't do  
cheesesteaks!