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Founder and Artistic Director of the [Montreal Chamber Music Festival](#), cellist and conductor Denis Brott is one of Canada's finest musicians. As a soloist with every major Canadian orchestra and cellist in the renowned Orford String Quartet, he has recorded over 35 albums, including an 8 CD set of Beethoven's complete string quartets and an Homage to Piatigorsky, his teacher and mentor. He has appeared as a guest cellist with numerous world-renowned quartets such as the Guarneri, Emerson, Tokyo, Fine Arts, Dover and others.

In 2021, he created *Les Jeunes Virtuoses de Montréal*, a string ensemble of 15 recent graduates from Canadian universities and conservatories, and Health & Wellness Concerts performing admission-free in health care facilities throughout Montreal.

Currently Professor of Cello and Chamber Music and Conductor of the *Grand Orchestre à cordes* at the *Conservatoire de musique de Montréal*, Denis gives guest masterclasses at the Royal College of Music in London, at the Netherlands String Quartet Academy in Holland and at MDW University in Vienna and serves as a juror for international competitions.

Winner of numerous international competitions including the Montreal Symphony Competition and the Munich International Cello Competition, he has also won two Juno Awards and the Grand Prix du Disque and has been recognized and honoured for his distinguished service to music and the arts in Canada, receiving the Knight of Merit of the Sovereign Military Order of Saint John of Jerusalem (SMOM), the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Award, the Order of Montreal (OM), the Order of Canada (CM) and in 2023 the *Ordre national du Québec* (CQ)

In recognition of his pivotal role in the creation of the Instrument Bank of the Canada Council for the Arts, he was given the lifetime use of an exceptional 1706 David Tecchler cello, now known as the Brott-Turner Tecchler.
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