

## Maitane Sebastián, cellist

Being at the same time appointed to the Bayonne Côte Basque Regional Orchestra at age 18, then to the Pau Pays de Béarn Orchestra at age 21, and performing as a member of the Parisian cello ensemble Nomos, Maitane Sebastián also started teaching early in her career. After having taught for more than 15 years, she is currently teaching cello, chamber music, and conducting the Symphonic Orchestra at the Abbeville Conservatory.

Her unconventional professional path led her to experiment new musical movements, and encounter musicians who have inspired her playing and musical vision, such as the cellists Gary Hoffman and Christophe Roy, the baritone Udo Reinemann, the improviser Médéric Collignon, the composers Michel Sendrez and Mauricio Kagel.

Maitane Sebastián is currently giving numerous concerts as a solo cellist, chamber music player, and soloist with orchestra, with the Midland Symphony Orchestra (Great Britain), the Vignolles Ensemble (Netherlands) ; at the Salle Gaveau, Salle Cortot, Beauvais Cello Festival, the Lyrical Theatre in Cagliari (Italy), La Bâtie Festival in Geneva (Switzerland), "Voix Intimes" Festival in Tournai (Belgium), Classical Music Festival in Peñíscola (Spain), etc.

Her favorite chamber music partners are Ann-Estelle Médouze, Naaman Sluchin and Barbara Giepner (Sésame Quartet), the pianist Julien Le Pape (Parhélies Duet) and the guitarist Sébastien Llinares (Anhelo Duet).

Her numerous recordings, ranging from Bach to contemporary musicians, have been praised by musical reviews, (such as Scherzo, Classica, Le Monde de la Musique, Diapason, Charles Cros), reflecting her research on natural phrasing and her attachment to the deep meaning of the music, from its details to its structure and context.

In 2020, Paraty (Harmonia Mundi) released his last album featuring the complete J.S. Bach Suites recorded in the Basque Country.

Her instrument was made by Frédéric Chaudière, after a copy of a Giuseppe Guarneri Sr. cello. She plays bows by Claudia Carmona and Yasha Shidowezki.