

## **Benjamin Gates, Professional Cellist**

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Benjamin Gates, Founder & CEO of Asteroid Titanium Musical Productions & Entertainment, LLC provides live musical performances, audio engineering, produces through creating, composing and arranging his own music, as well as other musicians' music.

Benjamin began playing the acoustic cello as a young child and continued to train in different orchestral programs in elementary, middle, high school and college. As a family of the Hampton Institute and later renamed Hampton University, he followed his Grandfather, and Sister in attending Hampton University and was elevated to Principal Cellist. He is classically trained and also plays most genres via composing and creating all of the cello parts, as well as composing songs.

Mr. Gates with another organization has played at the White House for President Barrack Obama and the First Family. As a Soloist, a few notable events include a Black Caucus Event with several African American Congressmen/Congresswomen; International Gala with the Queen of Sweden and other international dignitaries; a fundraiser for the new African American Museum with Oprah Winfrey and Congressman John Lewis in attendance; the Arena Stage where Omari Hardwick performed and awards were presented to Cathy Hughes and Jesse Jackson.

Benjamin started an annual drive (Covering from Head to Toe) to help keep people-in-need (homeless) warm during the winter months where he walks the streets of Washington, DC distributing the gift bags, as well as distributing them to homeless shelters. He also plays at Homeless Shelters and Community Centers and is involved in the Community.