

## **Natalie Helm, Cello**

A native of Louisville, KY, Natalie Helm joins the Sarasota Orchestra for the 2016-17 season as principal cellist. Most recently, she held the Principal and Cello Fellowship position for the Montgomery Symphony Orchestra and currently is a member of the Des Moines Metro Opera. She studied with Peter Wiley and David Soyer at the Curtis Institute of Music, where she received her Bachelor of Music in 2011, and with Ronald Leonard at the Colburn School, where she received an Artist Diploma in 2014. She has appeared as soloist with orchestras around the country including the Dana Point Symphony, the Montgomery Symphony, the Richardson Symphony, the Louisville Orchestra, the World Youth Symphony Orchestra, and the Colburn Symphony Orchestra; won top prizes at international competitions including the Lennox International Competition, Blount-Slawson Young Artist Competition, Kingsville Young Artist Competition, MTNA, and NPR's From the Top; and appeared with the American Contemporary Ballet, Domingo-Thorton Young Artist Program, and Yamaha Music Foundation.

Natalie joined the Conservatory's faculty in 2017 and currently accepts students of all ages and levels.