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As a soloist and a member of various chamber ensembles, Rimantas Armonas has given performances in many countries of the European Union and also Canada, Japan, Russia, Belarus, and Algeria. He has performed with Lithuanian and Belarusian orchestras conducted by Juozas Domarkas (Lithuania), Saulius Sondeckis (Lithuania), Modestas Pitrėnas (Lithuania), Pavel Berman (Italy), Olivier Grangean (France), Donatas Katkus (Lithuania), Boris Raisky (Russia) and Leonov (Belarus)

Professor Rimantas Armonas leads master classes and participates as a jury member at various competitions in Poland and Lithuania. He also chairs the final examinations in Lithuania and abroad.

More than 50 cellists and a lot of chamber ensemble musicians have completed cello studies under the supervision of Professor Armonas. Now, they have all made a successful career in music, both in Lithuania and abroad.

The repertoire of cellist Rimantas Armonas ranges from classical music to works of contemporary composers from various countries of the world. Yet, he has always been an enthusiastic promoter of the Lithuanian music. Professor has performed over 50 world premieres of works by Lithuanian and foreign composers. In addition, he has recorded over 150 opuses for Lithuanian and foreign radio stations and released eight CDs in various countries.

Professor Rimantas Armonas has performed, edited and released a number of works for cello solo, cello with piano, piano trio and other chamber ensembles by Lithuanian composers Julius Andrejevas, Vladas Bagdonas, Feliksas Bajoras, Osvaldas Balakauskas, Vytautas Barkauskas, Justinas Bašinskas, Zita Bružaitė, Jurgis Juozapaitis, Vytautas Germanavičius, Antanas Kučinskas, Bronius Kutavičius, Arvydas Malcys, Onutė Narbutaitė, Anatolijus Šenderovas, Remigijus Šileika, Juozas Širvinskas, and Vladas Švedas.

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