

Fumie Kato graduated from Doshisha Senior High School and Tokyo University of the Arts. While at Tokyo University of the Arts, she received the Ataka Award, Acanthus Music Award and Mitsubishi Estate Prize. Upon graduation from the master's degree program of Tokyo University of the Arts, she was awarded the Postgraduate Acanthus Music Award. With the unanimous agreement of the conservatoire, she also graduated at the top of her class at the Conservatoire à Rayonnement Régional de Paris. Fumie has studied under the late Minoru Sugiyama, Donald Litcher, Fumiaki Kono and Raphaël Pidoux. Among the awards she has received 1st prize at the 8th Viva Hall Cello Competition, 2nd prize in the string section at the 7th and 8th Tokyo Music Competition, and 3rd prize at the Concours FLAME, Paris. Fumie was a recipient of the 2011 Kyoto City Special Bounty Program for Arts and Culture and a Rohm Music Foundation scholarship in 2011 and 2012. She has played with the Osaka Century Symphony Orchestra, Geidai Philharmonia, Tokyo Philharmonic Orchestra, Japan Philharmonic Orchestra and Kyoto Symphony Orchestra. She has given recitals in a lot of cities in Japan including Tokyo, Saitama, Sapporo, Aichi, Kyoto, Osaka, Hyogo, Hiroshima, Yamanashi, Kumamoto, Fukuoka, and Kitakyushu. She is a registered artist of the Japan Foundation for Regional Art-Activities in 2014 and 2015.