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The founding cellist of the Skyros Quartet, Dr. Willie Braun is an active performer and teacher in the Seattle area. He is currently the cello instructor at Seattle University. In addition to teaching a private cello studio, Willie is a co-Artistic Director of Chamber Music Madness, a Seattle-area organization dedicated to bringing collaborative music to students and adults. As a member of the Skyros Quartet, currently in its tenth season, he has performed across the US, Canada, and China.

Willie earned a Doctorate of Musical Arts in Chamber Music Performance at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. His doctoral document, "The History of the Cello Endpin and Its Effect on Technique and Repertoire," is the first publication in over twenty years dedicated to this specific topic. Willie also holds music performance degrees from the University of Texas at Austin and Arizona State University. He has studied under the direction of Gregory Beaver, Joshua Gindele, Thomas Landschoot, and the Miro and Chiara String Quartets.