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**Raphael Stefanica** started playing the cello at the age of eleven with Sacha Dmitriev; cello soloist at the National Opéra and Orchestra of Montpellier.

He was soon admitted into the Conservatoire of Montpellier in the class of Cyrille Tricoire; Principal cello soloist at the Montpellier National Orchestra .

At the age of seventeen he was admitted into the Regional Conservatoire of Paris in the class of Hélène Dautry, where he obtained the first prize with a distinction.

In february 2013, he gave a recital for the Lyons Club in Montpellier.

In 2014 he was admitted into the Folkwang University of the Arts Essen in the class of Laurentiu Sbarcea. He played as a Soloist in August 2014 with the OCP Philharmonic Orchestra of the Center, France. He was also invited by Claudio Pasceri; chamber musician at the orchestra of the Academy of Pinerolo.

He has played in the masterclasses of Gary Hoffman, Roland Pidoux, Marc Coppey and Young Chang Cho.

In 2015, he was admitted into the masterclasses of the Festival of Conque, France, with Julius Berger.