

**Pavle Zajcev** (1976. Zagreb, Croatia) finished his cello studies 1998. in the class of Valter Dešpalj at the Music Academy in Zagreb after which he continued as a postgraduate student of Ivan Monighetti at the Music Academy in Basel.

As soloist he performed with the Zagreb Philharmonic, Zagreb Soloists, Croatian Radio Symphony Orchestra, Croatian Chamber Orchestra, Dubrovnik Symphony Orchestra and Varaždin Chamber Orchestra.

He was a finalist of the 2nd International Cello Competition Antonio Janigro 2000 in Zagreb, Croatia.

As chamber musician he played in many ensembles with partners like Julian Rachlin, Misha Maisky, Torleif Thedeen, Gordan Nikolić, Lawrence Power, Đuro Živković, Edin Karamazov, Pavao Mašić, Dmitrij Sinkovsky. As a founding member of the Zagreb Piano Trio he attended masterclasses with Issac Stern, Leon Fleisher, Wu Han, Mathias Kirshnereit, members of Borodin, Juilliard, Emerson, Bartok, Vogler, Alban Berg and Smetana String Quartets, Grieg Trio. With Trio Pavle won a 2nd price at Charles Hennen competition in 1999, and 1st price at TICC (Trondheim) in 2000. Trio performed concerts in Croatia, Netherlands, Germany, Austria, Slovenia, Serbia, Israel, Norway, Poland and Canada.

In 2002 he has become the Principal cellist of the Croatian Radio Symphony Orchestra and held this position until 2010. He regularly makes recordings for Croatian radio and TV.

Since 2005 he was docent until 2013 when he becomes associate profesor for Chamber Music at the Music Academy in Zagreb

In 2017 Pavle commenced his conducting studies in the classes of professors Mladen Tarbuk and Tomislav Fačini at the Music Academy in Zagreb.

Since 2011 until 2014 he was the artistic director and conductor of the newly founded Chamber string orchestra of the Croatian Jeunesse Musicales.