

Cellist to Perform at AU

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Alfred, NY -- Kim Cook, associate professor of cello at Penn State, will present a concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 26, in Howell Hall. The concert is open to the public, free of charge. Cook, who will be accompanied by pianist Marylene Dosse, will perform work by Leo Ornstein, Frederic Chopin and Richard Strauss. At her Carnegie Hall debut in 1996, critic Harris Goldsmith said he was impressed with Cook's "wide assortment of ravishing colors and textures." She has performed all over the world, including solo performances in Israel, Jordan, China, Italy, Austria, Germany, the Czech Republic, Finland, Russia and the United States. In 1996, she performed recitals and master classes as artistic ambassador for the State Department in Barbados, Jamaica, Dominican Republic, Panama, Honduras, Peru, Brazil, and Mexico. Critics have called her performances breathtaking, magical and inspired. She recorded the Haydn Cello Concertos with the Bohuslav Martinu Philharmonic for Slovak Treasures in the Czech Republic and Bayer Recordings in Germany. Critics in Germany called her performance of the Haydn C Major Concerto "superb." She has also recorded a CD with the Castalia Trio for Skvrna, and her recordings of world premieres of Brazilian music have been released by BASF. Cook has a Master of Music degree from Yale University, where she was the recipient of the Maxwell Belding Award. She previously served as principal cellist of the Sao Paulo State Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Eleazar de Carvalho and taught at New Mexico State University before her 1991 appointment to the faculty at Penn State.