

LIVE MUSIC HAS A PROFOUND IMPACT ON OUR LIVES

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WHAT INSPIRED YOU TO PLAY MUSIC?

ELLE - I attended my cousin's cello recital when I was 5 years old and never looked back! But when I was 14, I attended Eastern Music Festival in Greensboro and played Prokofiev's *Romeo and Juliet*. That was when I decided that I would have to do this forever.

HILARY - My first significant musical memory was an after-dinner ritual of lying down underneath my dad's Steinway grand in our living room. What I remember most was feeling the vibrations travel through the instrument, through the floor boards, and into my five-year-old body. Something indescribable in me picked up on the great mystery and power of this thing called music, and I had to know more.

WHAT DOES MUSIC BRING TO YOUR LIFE?

HILARY - One of the biggest life lessons that I've learned from music is self-trust. So much of music-making is in the tiny details; the nuances and "road map" of an interpretation. But once practice goals have been met and rehearsals and concerts commence, there is great power and excitement in the "letting go." Moving through performance and life with a looser grip and a trust in self has taken my life to a much more fulfilling and inspired place.

ELLE - You learn to make the music you love the best you can and not worry about all the other things. Someone else is going to love it, too, and that makes it all worth it.



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