

As a cellist, bassist, conductor and teacher, Erik Anderson's charismatic personality and thoughtful approach to music appeals to audiences of all ages and musical tastes. Whether in pre-concert lectures for the Minot Symphony Orchestra, music presentations in school classrooms, or on stages from the Great Plains to Europe, he communicates not only a deep love and respect for the music he performs, but also a passion for education and exploration. A native of Washington State, he began his cello studies at the age of three, earned his BM and MM from the University of Idaho, and completed his DMA at the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music. Along with his wife, pianist Dianna Anderson, he moved to Minot in 2003 to teach cello, bass and music theory at Minot State University. Dr. Anderson performs regularly in the community, as principal cellist for the Minot Symphony Orchestra, a founding member of the piano trio Luminus, as director of Dakota Chamber Music, and as a co-founder of Community Rocks, a music philanthropy which has raised more than \$500,000 for Minot area organizations. Apart from music, Dr. Anderson loves to cook, golf, run, play games with the family, and chase any type of ball as though his life depended on it.

