

At a young age, Joshua Hassler-Forest (2006) fell in love with the cello, leading him to eventually pursue a career as a professional cellist. Before starting his studies with Pieter Wispelwey at the Conservatorium of Amsterdam in September of 2024, he took classes from Corine 't Hoen at the Jongtalentklas at the Prins Claus Conservatory and from Maarten Mostert at the Sweelinck Academy at the Conservatory of Amsterdam. During his pre-study period, Joshua has won various awards at the Prinses Christina Councours. He has also taken part in the Summer Academy of the Aurora Festival numerous times, leading to him getting invited to participate in the 'Koninklijk Concertgebouw Young' project in the summer of 2023. During his pre-study, he has also had the opportunity to take masterclasses from the renowned cellists Jan-Ype Nota, Amparo Lacruz, Harro Ruijsenaars, Lucia Swarts, and Dmitri Ferschtman.

Currently, Joshua plays an Amsterdam cello that has been graciously provided to him by the Dutch 'Het Muziekinstrumenten Fonds'.