

American cellist Ashley Bathgate has been described as an “eloquent new music interpreter” (*New York Times*) and “a glorious cellist” (*The Washington Post*) who combines “bittersweet lyricism along with ferocious chops” (*New York Magazine*). Her “impish ferocity”, “rich tone” and “imaginative phrasing” (*New York Times*) have made her one of the most sought after performers of her time. The desire to create a dynamic energy exchange with her audience and build upon the ensuing chemistry is a pillar of Bathgate's philosophy as a performer. Her affinity to dynamism drives Bathgate to venture into previously uncharted areas of ground-breaking sounds and techniques, breaking the mold of a cello's traditionally perceived voice. Collaborators and fans alike describe her vitality as nothing short of remarkable and magical for all who are involved. Bathgate is a member of the award winning, internationally acclaimed sextet, Bang on a Can All-Stars, the chamber music group HOWL and is also a founding member of TwoSense, a duo with pianist Lisa Moore, and Bonjour, a low-strung, percussive quintet with fellow new music mavens Florent Ghys, James Moore, Eleonore Oppenheim and Owen Weaver.

In 2014 Bathgate premiered a new Cello Concerto by Australian composer Kate Moore with the ASKO|Schönberg ensemble at the Gaudeamus Festival in Utrecht, NL. She subsequently recorded an album of Moore's solo cello works was released in May 2016 on Cantaloupe Music. In 2015 she also gave the world premiere of *What Moves You*, a collaborative performance project with jookin' dance sensation Lil Buck at the Spoleto Festival USA in Charleston, NC. Most recently, Bathgate commissioned the composer collective Sleeping Giant, to write her a six-movement suite for solo cello entitled “ASH”, which was premiered this January 2016 in NYC. Other upcoming commissions include works by Emily Cooley, Brooks Frederickson, Michael Gordon, Erdem Helvacioğlu, Scott Lindroth, Pamela Madsen, Todd Reynolds, and Alex Weiser. Bathgate's radio/television appearances include performances on BBC Radio 3, WKCR, WQXR FM's Young Artist Showcase, WQXR's Meet the Composer podcast with Nadia Sirota, NPR's Performance Today, WYNC's New Sounds Live, SiriusXM, Late Night and The Tonight Show with Jimmy Fallon. Her recorded work can be found on Albany Records, Cantaloupe Music, Innova Recordings, La-La Land Records, Naxos, Nonesuch, Starkland and Uffda Records.

Originally from Saratoga Springs, NY, Bathgate began her cello studies with the late Rudolf Doblin, principal cellist and assistant music director of the Buffalo Philharmonic in the 1950's. After his passing, she resumed her tutelage with Ann Alton at Skidmore College. From there she continued on to study at Bard College with Luis Garcia-Renart (B.M.) and then at the Yale University School of Music with renowned cellist, Aldo Parisot (M.M. & A.D).

Bathgate resides in New York City.

