

At a young age in Melbourne, Australia, Lucas started the Suzuki program on violin. He didn't try viola until late 2013, and after just a month of self-teaching was selected to participate in the inaugural Mimir Chamber Festival Melbourne.

Winner of the Theodore Holland Viola Prize at the Royal Academy of Music where he currently studies on scholarship, he has previously learnt with Julian Qurit (student of Dorothy DeLay) and Simon Oswell (former principal violist of the Hollywood Bowl Orchestra). He has played in masterclasses to Máté Szűcs, Frank Huang (NY Phil. concertmaster), Hartmut Rhode and more. At his alma mater, the Melbourne Conservatorium of Music, he was a recipient of the Corinna D'Hage Mayer String Scholarship. In London, he is currently studying with Jon Thorne.



Lucas has a wealth of orchestral experience, having played in many conservatoire and youth orchestras in London, Melbourne and Paris, and under renowned conductors including Sir Mark Elder, Semyon Bychkov, Benjamin Northey, Christian Badea, Larry Rachleff, Stefan Ashbury and more. He played in Victorian Opera's production of Wagner's "Der Fliegende Holländer" with the Australian Youth Orchestra and recently he led the viola sections of the Royal Academy String Orchestra, Amadeus Orchestra, the London Mahler Orchestra, as well as for the Academy's production of Offenbach's Orpheus in the Underworld.

He is currently a member of the Florizel Quartet (<https://florizelquartet.com>), whose recent performance highlights include recitals in Tuscany, Italy, at China Exchange in Soho, London and being very highly commended for their performance of Bartok's third string quartet in the Wolfe Wolfensohn String Quartet Prize. He is a former member of the Melbourne-based "Quartet Non Troppo," playing in pre-concert series for the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra and Borodin Quartet and winning multiple local competitions and finalists at Musica Viva's Sydney Eisteddford in 2014. The quartet played in the 2nd Summit of the Pacific Alliance of Music Schools in Beijing, China and were also selected to participate in the Mimir Chamber Music Festival in Fort Worth, Texas USA.

Outside of music, Lucas has diplomas in acting and French, and a Bachelor of Science.