

## Artist Bios

### 2CELLOS



Young Croatian cellists Luka Šulić and Stjepan Hauser, known as 2CELLOS, achieved sensational success by using the cello to break the boundaries between different genres of music. Their unique cello version of Michael Jackson's "Smooth Criminal" took the world by storm. Within only a week, this YouTube video became a huge viral sensation, leading to a record deal with Sony Masterworks and an invitation to join Elton John on his worldwide tour.

Since then, the duo has appeared on major TV shows such as *The Tonight Show With Jay Leno*, *The Ellen DeGeneres Show*, *Fox & Friends*, *Lopez Tonight*, *TV Total* with Stefan Raab and many others. 2CELLOS were also the first instrumental act to perform on *Glee*, where they performed "Smooth Criminal" as special

guests in the Michael Jackson tribute episode. 2CELLOS' arrangement of the song, which featured Naya Rivera, debuted at No. 10 on the Billboard Hot 100 Digital Songs Chart and landed 2CELLOS' debut album in the Top 100.

Šulić and Hauser have played cello since childhood; Šulić graduated from London's Royal Academy of Music, Hauser from the Royal Northern College of Music in Manchester, both in 2011. Šulić has won a series of top prizes at numerous prestigious international music competitions including the Lutoslawski International Cello Competition, while Hauser, the last pupil of Mstislav Rostropovich, has collected no less than 21 first prizes at national and international music competitions, and performed twice for Prince Charles in Buckingham and St. James's Palace.

Luka and Stjepan recently performed with the Red Hot Chili Peppers, George Michael, and Leona Lewis, and they released their second album, *IN2ITION*, in January. The album was produced by the legendary Bob Ezrin (Pink Floyd, Alice Cooper, Kiss, Deep Purple) and features eclectic vocal and instrumental guests including Elton John, Steve Vai, Lang Lang, Naya Rivera and Zucchero. ■

**Links:** Check out 2CELLOS on-line at the following links:

"Welcome to the Jungle Live" <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FkMdzmVykcM>

"Benedictus" [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f\\_RjIIPuqyc](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f_RjIIPuqyc)

"Smooth Criminal" from their episode on *Glee* [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vqli\\_YLxGLY](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vqli_YLxGLY)

"Every Tear Drop is a Waterfall" (both playing on 1 cello) <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XleaVcy4he8>