

Martti Rousi is one of the leading cellists of his generation. He is internationally known both as a soloist and a pedagogue. In 1986 Rousi made his international breakthrough as he won the silver medal at the VIII Tchaikovsky competition in Moscow. Since then he has been performing with renowned orchestras and conductors all around the globe.

In 1993–2009 Rousi was the artistic director of Turku Music Festival, during which many legendary artists such as Lang Lang performed there. Rousi has worked as the artistic director for various other Finnish festivals including Finland's first international cello festival "Cellofest" in 2019.

Since 1995 Rousi has been professor of cello at the Sibelius Academy in Helsinki. His cello class attracts talents from all around. To this day Rousi has been extensively giving masterclasses in leading academies around the world.

His recordings include several solo and chamber recordings for ONDINE and FINLANDIA labels. He plays on cellos by *Carlo Giuseppe Testore* from 1690 and *J-B Lefevre* from 1760, his favorite bow is *FX Tourte* from 1810.