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## Oliver Muñoz

*Oliver Muñoz is a classical violist from Chile who currently lives in Chicago. He was born in the mining city of Rancagua and later settled in Santiago, following his dream of being a musician in the big capital city by the Andes. Oliver left Santiago with his American wife to live in Chicago in 2016, thus embarking on a great adventure he never imagined he would have when he was growing up. When he is not rehearsing his instrument, Oliver enjoys cooking and photography. He often explores Chicago on his own and takes photos to capture moments of his life as a foreigner in the United States. Oliver appreciates the exercise of contemplating how these images build a visual outline of his experiences in a way that he can share with his family and friends in Chile. He also feels that the photographs he takes help to nourish his own vision of society, of nature, and of people both in their wonderful abilities and terrible miseries. He has particularly enjoyed the way his photos have allowed him to magically capture the beauty of the prairie and rural landscapes of Iowa, which he has had the fortune to visit several times.*



"ROCK CREEK LAKE, WINTER AND SUMMER." PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN IN JASPER COUNTY, IOWA, 2017