

RAFA FLUTE CHOIRS – General Information

RAFA has **three** flute choirs. Two choirs are grouped according to playing level/ability and require an audition. The third choir is a multi-level choir. We invite new members to join or audition for any of these three groups. For the Pipes and Fantasy, you must schedule an audition time in advance with the director. Each of the choirs performs two or three times per semester, in addition to rehearsing twice a month. Check the rehearsal and performance schedule for more details.

Silver Winds – Multi-level Choir

No audition; however, you will find the experience most rewarding if you know fingerings and understand key and time signatures. (Minimum of two years experience recommended.) This is the ideal choir for individuals who are new to the ensemble experience, as well as intermediate and advanced players who wish to play in a flute group but have limited time for rehearsals and individual practice.

This group typically rehearses from 1:45– 3:00 p.m. on the 1st, 3rd (and 5th if there is one) Sundays of the month. Check the rehearsal schedule for more details.

Silver Pipes – Intermediate Level

Requires audition, strong attendance, and individual practice. Rehearses from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. on the 1st, 3rd (and 5th if there is one) Sundays of the month. Check the rehearsal schedule for more details.

Audition requirements:

- 1) Two 2-octave major scales of your choice (one forte/loud and one piano/soft)
- 2) Chromatic scale from low C to high G (slurred)
- 3) Rhythm sheet (available in advance from the director) at 120
- 4) Sight-reading in simple meters (4/4, 3/4, 6/8), including eighth, sixteenth and dotted rhythms

The director will be assessing tone quality, rhythmic and technical accuracy, intonation, and range of dynamics.

Silver Fantasy – Advanced Level

Requires audition, strong attendance, and individual practice. Rehearses from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. Check the rehearsal schedule for more details.

Audition requirements:

- 1) Two 2-octave major scales and two 2-octave minor scales (your choice of scales, with two played forte and two piano)
- 2) Prepared piece
- 3) Sight-reading

The director will be assessing tone quality, rhythmic and technical accuracy, intonation, range of dynamics, clarity of articulation, and musical expression.

Rehearsal Location: St. Philip Lutheran Church, 7304 Falls of Neuse Rd.,
North Raleigh (across from Ravenscroft School)

Flute Choir Fee (per semester) \$30 Silver Fantasy
\$15 Silver Pipes
\$15 Silver Winds

RAFA Membership Dues (per year) \$15 students or \$25 adults (unless already paid)

What to bring to audition/first rehearsal:

Flute

Music stand

Pencil

Check, payable to RAFA, for flute choir fee (and RAFA dues if not already paid)

Questions? Contact director Sonja Noykos, 616-634-3292 or sonjsen@hotmail.com