

Tune In

Raleigh Area Flute Association

March 2006

Flute Choir Day with Darlene Dugan



Darlene Dugan, founder/director of the West Michigan Flute Orchestra (WMFO) and Chamber Choir, is a flute instructor for Cornerstone University and has a Grand Rapids studio. Former principal flute of the Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo and Amarillo Symphony Orchestras, she has taught flute at Interlochen, the Western Michigan University Summer Seminars and Kalamazoo Chamber Music Workshops. Her music theory teaching experience includes Grand Rapids Community College (GRCC), Amarillo College and Bethel College.

Ms. Dugan has been the conductor of the GRCC and Calvin College flute choirs, a preliminary judge for the NFA's Newly Published Music Competitions, conducted NFA convention flute choir masterclasses and in 1997, 2000 and 2004 was the director of the showcased WMFO at NFA conventions. Darlene has performed with the American Director's Orchestra, the Colorado Flute Orchestra and has toured Ireland, France, England/Wales and Eastern Europe with the American Flute Orchestra.

In 2000 and 2001 Ms. Dugan directed the flute orchestra for Jeanne Baxtresser's masterclass at Juilliard and in 2003 and 2005 at Carnegie Mellon University. In 2002 she was guest conductor for the Mid-Atlantic Flute Fair in Alexandria, VA, conducted a masterclass and concert for five flute choirs at Slippery Rock University (PA), and for the 2004 NFA convention was the conductor of the National High School Flute Choir.

Sunday, March 19
Highland United Methodist Church
(Conference Room)
1901 Ridge Rd, Raleigh

Schedule

2:00-2:30 Silver Pipes Flute Choir
2:30-3:00 North Raleigh Silver Pipers
3:00-3:45 Mass Flute Choir**
3:45-4:30 Silver Fantasy Flute Choir
4:30-5:00 Silver Winds Flute Choir

(Ms. Dugan will also work with Raleigh Flute Choir from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.)

***The mass choir (3:00-3:45) is open to anyone who would enjoy playing in a large flute choir reading session. Ms. Dugan will direct the group in several works, including her original composition "Reflections on Bonnie Doon," which is not yet available in print. If you would like to receive copies of the music to practice ahead of time, contact Kim Allemang at 946-2283 or email kallemang@nc.rr.com. Please bring a music stand to the flute choir session. We also welcome any additional alto and bass flutes!*

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RAFA SOLO FEST

Changes Venue!

Twenty-five flutists registered for RAFA's 2nd annual Solo Fest, which will be held at Highland United Methodist Church on March 11. Directions can be found on the RAFA website at: www.raleighflutes.org. Solo Fest is partially based on the Royal Conservatory of Music's (Toronto) certification program. The examination is set up so that participants prepare solos, etudes, and scales according to a graded syllabus and are then tested in annual examinations. Awards are given based on excellence of performance.

It's never to late to volunteer! Direct questions to Anne Dyke at (919) 755-2267 or annedyke@aol.com.

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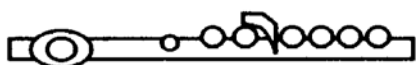
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Contest Winners



Congratulations to the winners in the November 2005 RAFA Contest. With 145 flutists participating, the venue halls were filled with flutists of all ages as they awaited their turn to perform their two prepared pieces for the judges. We commend all the musicians and their teachers for the fine work. Thanks to Liz Gibbs once again for her skillful and calm organization of this year's competition. We also thank all the judges, door monitors,

and registration table volunteers who helped make the event another big success. Scholarships totaling \$3000 were awarded to the following winners:

<u>Division</u>	<u>Winner(s)</u>	<u>Honorable Mention</u>	<u>Division</u>	<u>Winner(s)</u>	<u>Honorable Mention</u>
1 Elementary 1	Masiel Bautista Paige Breen	Ellen Shaw	5	Philip Snyder Kathryn Holley	Sarah Vitullo
2 Elementary 2	Annie Kang Olivia Pitman Andrew Wu	Anusha Vasudeva	6-A	Sun Min Lee Yoo-Mi Ryoo	Mary Claire Becker Carolyn Witman
3 Elementary 3	Eugene Siegel Mindy Yuan Sofia Blanco Ellison Henry	Nishkala Shivakumar	6-B	Scott Kemsley Kristine Shon	Whitney Weigold
4	Audrey Chang Jake Beerel Kimberly Lockhart Abigail Lenz	Lauren Doney Anand Kannan Grace Halvorson	6 College	Ashley Bingham	
5	Shana Hakanson	Kaitlin Bigger	7	Katharine Grunwald	Karen Kuntarich
			7 College	Amanda Kelly	Jessica Epps
			8	Tammy Van Pala	Gracie Murchison
			8 College	Nathan Painter	

Membership Roster

The 2005-2006 membership roster is being made available electronically to our members this year to save printing and postage expenses (and to save trees, too!). If you would like a hard copy mailed to you, please contact Tom Mease at tomflutenc@yahoo.com or (919) 387-2017.



Ann Pearce Honored

Raleigh Flute Choir members surprised Ann Pearce during their December 18 holiday concert at the NC Museum of Art by recognizing her incredible contribution to RAFA and RFC these past twenty years. Ann was one of RAFA's co-founders in 1985, and since that time has served as treasurer, administrator and composer/arranger of several hundred flute choir works. To honor Ann's extraordinary gifts to our community, she was honored with a plaque (pictured), flowers, and restaurant gift certificate. Thank you, Ann!

Patti Project Update

RAFA surpassed its \$1000 fundraising goal for the Patti Project, a quickly-organized effort by North Carolina flutists to assist New Orleans flutist Patti Adams when her career was put on hold as a result of Hurricane Katrina. The total raised through RAFA was \$1190! Thanks especially to Kate Steinbeck for spearheading the effort. Patti and her fellow Louisiana Philharmonic Orchestra colleagues are extremely grateful for the outpouring of support and generosity from the following contributors:

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The Second Winds

RAFA's support group for adult amateur players will meet on Sunday afternoon, March 12 at 2:00 p.m. The theme for our next gathering will be Celtic music. We always welcome newcomers! Since the meeting venue changes for each meeting, be sure to contact Ami Allgeier at tigger@nc.rr.com for additional information and directions.

RAFA Members' Recital

Mark your calendar now for the RAFA Members' Recital to be held Sunday, May 21 at 3:00 pm in Jones Chapel on the Meredith College campus. The concert will feature several flute choirs, small ensembles and solos. If you have any questions about this event, please contact Kim Allemang at (919) 946-2283 or email kallemang@nc.rr.com. The concert is free and open to the public.

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Irish Music Sessions

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Flutists are welcome to join the group of musicians, which often includes fiddles, penny whistles, wooden flutes and guitars. No traditional Irish music experience is necessary; however it is recommended that musicians be very comfortable with their instruments and come prepared to memorize tunes, since there is no notated music. Musicians at the weekly Irish sessions, which have been taking place for about a year, do not have to be affiliated with the University. If you have questions, contact Dr. Alison Arnold at (919) 515-7952.

Asheville Flute Vacation

Asheville Flute Course, held May 8-14, is **designed for the adult nonprofessional flutist** looking for small ensemble experience and instruction in a supportive atmosphere. The class is located in Asheville, NC in the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains, a popular vacation destination. Lodging, rehearsals and instruction are held at two historic bed & breakfast inns. Spouses and partners are welcomed. Asheville is also home to several fine flutemakers, including Abell and Lopatin flutes, and tours of their workshops are included in the course. Full details at www.ashevilleflute.com.

Durham Flute Class

Durham Music Teachers Association is sponsoring a Flute Masterclass with Asheville flutist Kate Steinbeck on Saturday, April 1, 1:30 p.m. at the Durham Arts Council. Students of all ages, from advanced beginners to professional, are invited to perform for the class. Auditors of all ages are invited to attend.

Performer Fees:

- \$15 for students of DMTA members
- \$20 all non-DMTA students
- Accompanist Fee: \$10
- Auditing Fee: \$5

For enrollment or additional questions contact Anna Wilson at annalw@earthlink.net or call 560-2701 (w), 451-4941 (cell) or 419-9639 (h). Performers, please reserve your space by sending a check (payable to Anna Ludwig Wilson) by March 15. Please include your name, contact information, title, composer, length of piece, and the name of your teacher if applicable. Please indicate if you are bringing your own accompanist or if you will need one. Send info and check to:

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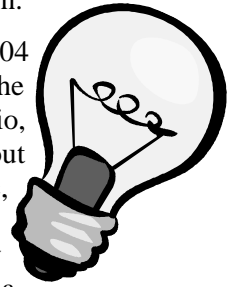
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Helen Spielman offers this suggestion:

Last November right after the 2004 Flute Fair, I placed a plastic bin on the shelf in the closet of my flute studio, and labeled it "RAFA." Throughout 2005, I tossed inside pieces of music, CDs, and other miscellaneous items that I no longer wanted. On the day of this year's 2005 Flute Fair, I had a pile of goodies to take to the RAFA donation table (Flute Treasures table). I didn't have to "scrounge at the last minute."



Why don't you get a box or bag for your home or studio, and start collecting some items for next year's Flute Fair? Everyone will benefit—you, RAFA, and the grateful folks who will treasure the gifts you share with them.

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Sunday, April 9 at 7 p.m.
North Raleigh Arts and Creative Theatre
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While there is no admission for this concert, audience members will have the opportunity to make a donation to benefit the local Autism Society, which has already paired with the North Raleigh Arts and Creative Theatre to benefit this special population. They hope to expand their current programs of social nights and summer drama camps for autistic children.

Program

Three Russian Folk Songs
"The Trout" Theme and Variations by Franz Schubert
Rialto Ripples by George Gershwin
Malaguena by Cuban composer Ernesto Lecuona
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RAFA members at the Cary Towne Center during a December concert



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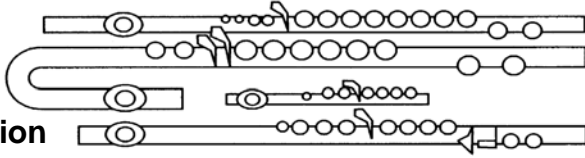
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