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# Central Ohio Flute Festival

Saturday, March 2, 2024

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featuring guest artist

**Jennifer Gunn**

with Dianne Frazer

on the campus of

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FEATURING GUEST ARTIST

**Jennifer Gunn, flute and piccolo**  
with **Dianne Frazer, piano**

## Admission at the door for entire day

Adults \$20 • Students & OSU Alumni \$10 • Senior Citizens \$5  
Ohio State Students/Faculty FREE • Parents Accompanying a Student \$5  
Timashev Family Music Building, The Ohio State University

Parking in Ohio Union South Garage off High Street, south of 15<sup>th</sup> Ave.

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS – March 2, 2024

8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	Registration open Drawing tickets on sale	TMV South Entrance
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9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.	Exhibits open	TMV 160
8:30-9:00 a.m.	COFA Competition: Junior High School	TMV Recital Hall
9:15-10:00 a.m.	COFA Competition: High School	TMV Recital Hall
10:15-11:15 a.m.	COFA Competition: Collegiate	TMV Recital Hall
11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	COFA Competition: Young Artist	TMV Recital Hall
8:30-9:00 a.m.	<i>Morning Warmup</i> with <b>Katherine Borst Jones</b>	WG Auditorium
9:00-10:00 a.m.	<i>Piccolo Class</i> with <b>Jennifer Gunn</b>	WG Auditorium
10:15-10:30 a.m.	<i>Mass Flute Choir</i> with <b>Katherine Borst Jones</b>	WG Auditorium
10:30-11:30 a.m.	Flute Ensemble Showcase Concert	WG Auditorium
11:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	<i>Army Bands and Opportunities for Flute Players</i> with <b>Staff Sargent Karina Núñez-Hedrick</b>	WG 108
12:00-1:00 p.m.	<i>Lunch on your own</i>	

### PLEASE VISIT THE EXHIBIT HALLS

1:00-1:45 p.m.	<b>Jennifer Gunn</b> Solo Recital  Announcement of Competition Winners and Drawing Results Immediately Following Recital <b>**Must be present to win! **</b>	WG Auditorium
2:30-3:00 p.m.	<i>Grant Writing Basics</i> with <b>Diane Cattran</b>	WG 108
2:30-3:00 p.m.	<i>Beatboxing and Beyond</i> with <b>Kari Boyer</b>	WG Auditorium
3:15-5:15 p.m.	<b>Masterclass</b> with <b>Jennifer Gunn</b> featuring 2023 COFA Competition winners	WG Auditorium

\*TMV = Timashev, WG = Weigel

# COFA Final Round Competition Program

8:30 AM – 12:30 PM | Timashev Recital Hall

Dr. Erin Helgeson Torres, Festival Competition Coordinator

## Preliminary Round Judges:

Wendell Dobbs, Kathy Karr, Rose Bishop, Leah Stevens

## Final Round Judges:

Randall Hester, Niles Watson, Dr. Kathy Melago

### **Junior Division – 10 minutes each**

Required piece:

Benjamin Godard: *Suite de Trois Morceaux, Allegretto*

#### **Alyssa Eder**

Amadeus Mozart: *Concerto in G Major (Mvmt. I)*

Phillip Clark, pianist

#### **Rebecca Dorneich**

Johann Joachim Quantz: *Vivace alla Francese, QV 3:13*

Dr. Jiung Yoon, pianist

#### **Noble Maendel**

Georg Philipp Telemann: *Sonata in F Major (Vivace, Largo, Allegro)*

Dr. Jiung Yoon, pianist

### **Senior Division – 15 minutes each**

Required piece:

Valerie Coleman: *Legends (Mvmt. I Lin-Fa, IV. El Encierro)*

#### **AJ Schmidt**

Antonio Vivaldi: *Concerto in C Major, RV 443 (Mvmt. II Largo)*

Amanda Harberg: *Sonata for Piccolo (Mvmt. I Allegro Flowing)*

Dr. Jiung Yoon, pianist

#### **Rhys Vander Kelen**

Carl Stamitz: *Concerto in G Major, Op. 29 (Mvmt. I Allegro)*

Amanda Harberg: *Sonata for Piccolo (Mvmt. II Moderato, Dreamy)*

Dr. Jiung Yoon, pianist

#### **Sam Waspe**

Ian Clark: *Hypnosis*

Gabriel Faure: *Fantasia*

Dr. Jiung Yoon, pianist

**Collegiate Division – 20 minutes each**

Required piece:

Walter Geiseking: *Sonatine (Mvmt. III Vivace)*

**Lorien Britt**

Carl Nielsen: *Concerto (Mvmt. I Allegro Moderato)*

Dr. Jiung Yoon, pianist

**Grace Farney**

J.S. Bach: *Partita (Mvmt. I Allemande, II Corrente)*

Allison Loggins-Hull: *Homeland*

Adolphus Hailstork: *Yuhwa*

Dr. Jiung Yoon, pianist

**Greta Hultersturm**

Charles Griffes: *Poem*

Shulamit Ran: *East Wind*

Dr. Jiung Yoon, pianist

**Young Artist Division – 20 minutes each**

Required piece:

Eugene Bozza: *Image for Solo Flute*

**Lauren Jett**

Valerie Coleman: *Danza de la Mariposa*

Frank Martin: *Ballade*

Dr. Jiung Yoon, pianist

**Laura Lin**

Jacob Gade: *Tango Fantasia*

J.S. Bach: *Sonata in E Major, BWV 1035 (Mvmt I Adagio ma non tanto)*

Dr. Jiung Yoon, pianist

**Anna Reitsma**

Samuel Zyman: *Sonata No. 1 (Mvmt. I Allegro Assai)*

Ian Clarke: *Zoom Tube*

Dr. Jiung Yoon, pianist

# COFA Flute Ensemble Showcase Concert

10:30 AM | Weigel Auditorium

**Dr. Angela Heck Mueller, COFA Flute Choir Showcase Coordinator**

## PROGRAM

### **Cleopatra Polka**

Eugène Damaré  
arr. Colin Fleming

COFA Mass Flute Choir  
Katherine Borst Jones, director  
Jennifer Gunn, solo piccolo

### **Danse Nègre from African Suite for flute choir**

Samuel Coleridge-Taylor  
arr. Paige Dashner Long

The Ohio State University Flute Troupe  
Katherine Borst Jones, director  
*Karis Brennan, Katelyn Cheng, Nic Digena, Meagan Gaskill, Sofia Geelhood,  
Allie Gerckens, Grace Gregg, Lance Korte, Danica Lipp, Kayla Reid, Grace Reven, Katherine Sharp,  
Lauren Simon, Haley Svec, Braden Stewart, Xander Wells, Jessica Wilson, Shreeya Yampati*

### **Monochrome V for eight flutes**

Peter Schickele

The Ohio State University Symphonic Band Flutes  
Katherine Borst Jones, director  
*Karis Brennan, Katelyn Cheng, Nic Digena, Hanna Everding, Grace Gregg,  
Lance Korte, Julia Norris, Grace Reven, Haley Svec*

### **Grand Quartet in E Minor, Op. 103**

*I. Andante maestoso*

Friedrich Kuhlau

Galileo Flute Quartet  
*Kristin Kummer, Mary Malone, Shane Sprankel, Chip Wendell*

### **Rondo Caprice**

Joshua Missal

University of Dayton Flute Choir  
Dr. Heather Verbeck, director  
*Alana Connolly, Matthew Craft, Dominic Delligatti, Rachel Gleberman,  
Tristan Quach, Hannah Schueller, Anna Smith*

**Pie Jesu from Requiem**

Gabriel Faure

Buckeye Flute Choir  
Meagan Gaskill, director  
*Ananya Chadha, Hanna Everding, Joseph Liang,  
Meenakshi Manne, Sakura Sugiyama, Kristin Thompson, Lauren Walls*

**Scenes from the West**

Harold L. Walters

*I. Line Riders  
III. Dancing Bee*

Lima Shawnee High School Flute Choir  
Jaz Wallace Bluhm, director  
*Jenova DeBrosse, Gage Edwards, Riley Lamb,  
Kasey LaRue, Keeley Perez, Anabelle Washam, Jayna Zeltner*

**Quatuor pour Flûtes**

Pierre Max Dubois

*Fêtes  
Passepied  
Complainte  
Tambourin*

Flutique  
Alison Brown Sincoff, director  
*Anna Cook, Morgan Gangaware, Peyton Irwin, Kaleigh Rummel*

**Flute Trio in G Minor, Op. 13 No. 2**

Friedrich Kuhlau

*I. Allegro Non Tanto*

Romantica Flute Trio  
*Sunju Kim, Anne Luetkenhaus, Yian Liu*

**Squirrels**

Herman Beefink

Dublin Community Flutes  
Randy Luikart, director  
*Amy Casner, Sarah Corriveau, Dorianne Deitrick, Clara Ference, Grace Forrai, Julie Kirk, Nancy Luikart,  
Samuel Maffit, Sarah Morton, Cindy Munson, Cindy Nogar, Nancy Twynham, Mark Wallace*

**Fanfare 36**

Kelly Via

Ohio University Flute Choir  
Alison Brown Sincoff, director  
*Shawn Bellais, Maggie Broughton, Michelle Camargo, Anna Cook, Abigail Couch, Erin DiFrancesco,  
Morgan Gangaware, Alex Geoppinger, Cynthia Hayhurst, Peyton Irwin, David Melhope, Rachel Parks,  
Parker Peterson, Cydney Platt, Kaleigh Rummel, Emily Talley, Madelyn Webb*



# Jennifer Gunn Guest Artist Solo Recital

1:00 PM | Weigel Auditorium

**Jennifer Gunn** piccolo and flute

**Katherine Borst Jones**, flute

**Dianne Frazer** piano

**Spindrift for piccolo and piano**

Ken Benshoof (1933-2021)

**Parable for solo piccolo**

Vincent Persichetti (1915-1987)

**Town Light for two flutes and piano**

Yuko Uebayashi (b. 1958)

**Sonata for piccolo and piano**

James M Stephenson (b. 1969)

*I. Adagio*

*II. Spirito energico*

*III. Largo*

*IV. Allegro giusto*

Hailed for her “virtuosic poise” and as “a dazzling piccolo virtuoso,” **Jennifer Gunn** was appointed to the position of Piccolo of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra by Maestro Daniel Barenboim in 2005. Since joining the CSO, she has been active in many areas of the organization including the MusicNow Series, the Civic Orchestra of Chicago, the Dream Out Loud Music Education Advocacy Campaign, the Once Upon a Symphony series, CSO Chamber series, and has accompanied Maestro Muti on multiple occasions to the Chicago Juvenile Centers.

Equally at home on the flute or the piccolo, Jennifer has been featured as a soloist with the orchestra on many occasions. She made her flute solo debut under the direction of Ludovic Morlot on the orchestra’s MusicNow series playing Shirish Korde’s *Nesting Cranes* in 2007. One year later she made her piccolo debut under the direction of Harry Bicket playing Vivaldi’s C Major Concerto RV443 on the CSO’s subscription series. Jennifer has also been featured as a flutist on Bach’s Brandenburger Concerti with her CSO colleagues under the direction of both Nicholas Kraemer and Pinchas Zukerman. In March of 2019, Jennifer was featured as piccolo soloist under the direction of Music Director Maestro Muti playing Vivaldi’s C Major Concerto RV444 and also played the CSO premiere of Ken Benshoof’s Concerto in Three Movements for Piccolo and Orchestra.

Jennifer has enjoyed many occasions to join musician colleagues from the Chicago area and around the world. In the Chicagoland area, she has been a guest with the Bach Week, Dempster Pro Musica, Music of the Baroque, and the Civitas Ensemble. Outside of Chicago, Jennifer has enjoyed collaborating with musician friends at music festivals such as the Sunflower Music Festival in Topeka, KS, Buzzards Bay Music Festival in Marion, MA, Arizona Music Festival in Scottsdale,

AZ, and the St. Barth's Music Festival in St. Barthelemy, French West Indies. She can also be heard on recordings of music by composers Mason Bates, Anna Clyne, and Victoria Bond as well CSO orchestra recordings on the CSO Resound Label.

In demand as a clinician, Gunn has taught master classes around the world including a regular summer class at Orford Musique in Canada. She was a guest artist at the 2018 International Piccolo Festival in Grado, Italy. Gunn is a frequent guest at universities around the country teaching flute and piccolo masterclasses including classes at Carnegie Hall, University of Texas Butler School of Music, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, University of Missouri- Kansas City, and Northwestern University. Jennifer has also been involved as an orchestral coach with the Civic Orchestra of Chicago, the National Youth Symphony (NYO), and the New World Symphony.

Jennifer has held previous orchestra positions including Assistant Principal Flute of the Louisville Orchestra, Principal Flute of the Fort Wayne Philharmonic, and Second Flute of the Wheeling Symphony. She holds a Bachelor of Music degree from the Mary Pappert School of Music at Duquesne University (PA), where she studied with Robert Langevin and Rhian Kenny. She had additional studies at the University of Akron (OH) with George Pope and Mary Kay Robinson.

Jennifer is married to Jonathan Gunn, Professor of Clarinet at University of Texas Butler School of Music.

**Katherine Borst Jones**, professor of flute at The Ohio State University since 1985, winner of both Distinguished Teacher and Distinguished Scholar Awards, is founder of the OSU High School Flute Workshop and the OSU Flute Troupe. A former forty year founding member and co-principal flutist of the ProMusica Chamber Orchestra and founder of the flute/viola/harp trio COSMOS, she is a former member of the Columbus Symphony Orchestra and current principal flute of the New Sousa Band, which has toured Japan, China and the US. She has served the National Flute Association as President twice and is the recipient of the 2011 National Service Award. She has recorded for CRI, d'Note and Summit recordings and has commissioned works by composers such as Libby Larsen, Stephen Paulus, Andrew Boysen, Dale Warland and Michael Ruszczyński.

**Dianne Frazer** is recognized globally as a premiere collaborative pianist. Known for her wit and style on and off stage, she "exudes an energy and an excitement that is both irresistible and endearing." She has performed with a "who's who" of international artists, and has performed in Weill Recital Hall in Carnegie Hall, Avery Fisher Hall, and Merkin Hall. According to Branford Marsalis, "Dianne is one bad-ass pianist!!" Dianne was on the faculty at Louisiana State University, is pianist for the National Flute Association, International Society of Bassists, World Bass Festival in Poland, the MTNA Southern Division, and has performed at the Oberstdorf Music Festival in Germany, ISI Florence in Italy, Bradetich International Double Bass Competition, International Hornists Society, International Trumpet Guild, North American Saxophone Alliance, and the International Clarinet Association conventions. Dianne holds two performance degrees, was a two-time Fischhoff finalist, and was an adjudicator for the prestigious Dranoff International Two Piano Competition.

# Master Class

3:15-5:15 PM | Weigel Auditorium

with **Jennifer Gunn** flute/piccolo and

**Dianne Frazer** piano

## PROGRAM

**Sonata for Piccolo, II. Moderato, Dreamy**

Rhys Vander Kelen, First Place Winner: Junior Division 2023

Amanda Harberg

**Sonata in D Major**

Sophie Zhang, First Place Winner: Senior Division 2023

Sergei Prokofiev

**Wish Sonatine**

Shannon Lotti, First Place Winner: Young Artist Division 2023

Valerie Coleman

**Piccolo Concerto in C Major, RV 443, I. Allegro**

Meagan Gaskill

Antonio Vivaldi

## BIOGRAPHIES

**Rose Bishop** is Flute Instructor at St. Ambrose University, Coe, Cornell and Kirkwood Colleges. She is Principal Flute of the Southeast Iowa & Quincy Symphonies, Founder of the Eastern Iowa Flute Workshop and a Trevor James Artist. Diversions, her solo debut album, was released in 2022. [Rosebishopflute.com](http://Rosebishopflute.com)

**Kari Boyer** is an advocate of contemporary music and private flute instructor based in Cincinnati, OH. Kari is a member of Emissary Quartet and has performed with the Waco, Montclair, Richmond, and Williamsburg Symphony Orchestras, and the Virginia Opera. She served as principal flutist of the 392nd Army Band in Richmond, VA. Kari earned an MM from Manhattan School of Music and a BM from Ohio State University. Primary teachers include Katherine Borst Jones, Michael Parloff, and Marianne Gedigian.

**Lorien Britt** is a sophomore at the Manhattan School of Music, where she studies with Linda Chesis. She was recently awarded first prize in the Colorado Flute Association Young Artist Competition and the Flute Society of Greater Philadelphia Collegiate Competition. Lorien plays on a Miyazawa Vision.

**Diane Cattran**, DC Grants LLC, has many years of experience helping non-profit arts organizations write grants and procure support to carry out their programs and achieve impact goals. Cattran works with a variety of arts organizations in central Ohio and is well versed in matching their needs to the available funding sources in corporate, foundation, and government

arenas. Clients have included the Jazz Arts Group, The Midland Theatre, Shadowbox Live, the McConnell Arts Center, and Momentum. She worked at Columbus Symphony, Opera Columbus, and CAPA as Director of Development for the Symphony and Opera. Prior to this, Cattran's 22-year career was at Battelle where she was instrumental in the proposal center, public information programs for U.S. Department of Energy contracts, and their corporate subscription program for workshops, publications, and consulting. She is also an accomplished musician and music educator -- her passion for the arts and arts education inspires her work in helping arts organizations thrive. She holds *summa cum laude* degrees in English Education and Music Education from Capital and OSU and a Masters in Educational Communications from OSU.

**Wendell Dobbs** has served as professor of flute in the School of Music at Marshall University for 39 years. He prepared his DMA at Catholic University while studying with Bernard Goldberg. After seven years in the United States Army Band, "Pershing's Own" he received a scholarship from the French Government which permitted him to study for two years in Paris with Michel Debost and Alain Marion. Dobbs performs as principal flutist with the Huntington Symphony and the Ohio Valley Symphony and performs with his colleague, guitarist Júlio Ribeiro Alves in the Violauta Duo. He is a John Deaver Drinko Academy fellow at Marshall University.

**Rebecca Dorneich** is a 13-year-old long-time musician. She started to learn piano at age of 4, Pipa at age of 8, and flute at age of 9. She won NY Flute Club Young Musicians Contest in 2022. She entered the finals of 2024 Gold Classical Music Awards for flute and Pipa. She will perform at Carnegie Hall in NYC in July 2024 as finalist.

**Alyssa Eder** is a Freshman at Tecumseh High School. She began playing flute at age 10 and studies with Melissa Mashner. Alyssa placed second in the 2022 SEMFA Rachel Stormant Junior Artist Competition. She has played as a member of the Michigan All-State Middle School Band and was a participant in the 2023 Bonita Boyd International Masterclass at Eastman.

**Grace Farney** is an accomplished flutist and educator from Lawrence, Kansas. Currently, Grace is pursuing a bachelor's degree in flute performance from the University of Kansas (KU) studying with Dr. Daniel Velasco. During her time at KU, Grace has performed in many different ensembles including the KU Wind Ensemble, KU Symphony Orchestra, KU Treble Choir, KU Chamber Choir, and the Rock Chalk Flutes.

**Meagan Gaskill** is a doctoral student in flute performance at The Ohio State University with a graduate certificate in college and university teaching. She is the flute Teaching Associate at OSU, conducts the Buckeye Flute Choir, and runs a private teaching studio. She performs with the Columbus-based quintet, Zephyr Winds, and is a substitute and freelance musician throughout Ohio. Meagan won the COFA Young Artist Competition in 2021 and currently serves as COFA president. Her primary teachers are Katherine Borst Jones, Jill Felber, and Dr. Jennifer Rhyne. She received an MA in Music Theory and an MM in Flute Performance from The Ohio State University and a BM in Flute Performance and a BS in Mathematics *summa cum laude* from Pacific Lutheran University.

Principal flutist of the Columbus Symphony from 1975 to 2018, **Randall Hester** graduated in 1973 from the Eastman School of Music with a Bachelor of Music degree in Flute Performance. From 1974 to 1981 he continued his studies with Maurice Sharp, long-time principal flutist with the Cleveland Orchestra, while concurrently holding the first full-time flute position with the CSO. Mr. Hester maintains a private flute teaching studio in Upper Arlington, OH.

**Greta Hulterstrum** is a BM flute performance major from MN studying at WVU. A few of Greta's recent accomplishments include performing at the 2023 NFA convention, performing in masterclasses with Jasmine Choi and Carol Wincenc, and winning First Prize in the World Stage Online Music Competition.

**Lauren Jett** is a student of Demarre McGill at the UC College-Conservatory of Music, and previously studied with Dr. Diane Boyd Schultz at the University of Alabama. Recently, she served as an administrative and teaching intern at the Virtual Flute Music Festival. She enjoys reading in her free time.

**Kathy Karr** is the Principal Flutist of the Louisville Orchestra and a member of the NouLou Chamber Players. For 25 years, she was the Flute Professor at the University of Louisville where she was awarded the University of Louisville's Distinguished Teaching Award. Kathy has also taught flute and chamber music at Interlochen Arts Camp and has performed recitals and masterclasses in Mexico, Israel and across the U.S.A. She is an Altus flutes Artist.

**Laura Lin** was born in Taiwan in 2000 and began learning the flute at the age of seven. She won the First Prize at the New York International Competition and performed at Carnegie Hall in 2015. In 2016, she won the Second Prize at the Kaoshiung Students Music Contest, followed by the Excellence Award at the National Students Music Contest Finals in R.O.C. (Taiwan) in 2017. In 2020, she achieved First Prize at the Taichung Students Music Contest, and in 2021, she won First Prize again at the National Students Music Contest Finals in R.O.C. (Taiwan). She recently pursued a master's degree at the University of Iowa, studying under Professor Nicole Esposito.

**Shannon Lotti** is a second-year DMA student at Bowling Green State Univ. studying under Dr. Terri Sánchez. She is currently an active flute teacher as well as a solo and orchestral performer. MM - Univ. of Nebraska Lincoln; BM - Univ. of Texas at Arlington.

**Noble Maendel** is a homeschooled freshman from Homeworth and studies flute with Julie Sarver. She is also principal flute in the Canton Youth Symphony.

**Dr. Kathleen Melago** serves as Professor of Music Education at Slippery Rock University and head of the music education program. Kathy joined the faculty at SRU in August 2009, and teaches Music Education courses and supervises music student teachers and field students. Kathy received her Bachelor of Science in Music Education from Slippery Rock University, her Master of Music in flute performance from the University of Northern Iowa, and her Doctor of Musical Arts from The Ohio State University. She has taught music in Pennsylvania, Iowa, and Ohio, both in schools and privately.

**SSG (Staff Sergeant) Karina Núñez-Hedrick**, United States Army, currently serves as the Flute Instructor at the Army School of Music, in Little Creek, VA where her primary responsibility is to train new Soldier musicians following their 10-week Basic Combat Training. Karina has served in Army bands stationed in Texas, Virginia, and South Korea and received degrees from The Ohio State University (BM, BME) and the University of Memphis (MM).

**Anna Reitsma** is a DMA student at WVU studying with Nina Assimakopoulou. Anna is the adjunct flute professor at Frostburg State University and has performed with the Greenville Symphony and the Warren Philharmonic Orchestra. Follow @annareitsmaflute or visit annareitsmaflute.com.

**AJ Schmidt** is a student of Dan Parasky & Austin Brown. He is a member of the Pittsburgh Youth Symphony Orchestra and the award winning Ab-So-Flutely Amazing Quartet. He's won first place in the Woodbridge Flute Choir Concerto Competition (2024) and the COFA Junior High School Division of the Competition (2022).

**Leah Stevens** is Second Flute/Piccolo/Assistant Principal Flute with the Owensboro Symphony Orchestra. She has served as a Flute Fellow with the New World Symphony, principal flute with The Orchestra Now and has appeared with the Missouri Symphony, Civic Orchestra of Chicago, Quad Cities Symphony, South Bend Symphony, and the Lexington Philharmonic. Leah was recently named a winner of the Artist Presentation Society Auditions in St. Louis, Missouri. When not performing, she spends her time on

the south side of Chicago working for The People's Music School, a non-profit organization that provides tuition-free music education for students in the city.

**Rhys Vander Kelen** is a member of the Pittsburgh Youth Symphony Orchestra. He has performed with the Three Rivers Young People's Orchestra Wind Symphony, Slippery Rock Honors Flute Choir, and the Mid-Atlantic Flute Choir. Rhys won the Central Ohio Flute Association Junior Division Solo Competition, and was a finalist in the Westmoreland Symphony Orchestra Young Artists Competition

**Sam Waspe** started playing in fourth grade and is now a junior at Sycamore. Activities include Cincinnati Symphony Youth Orchestra, All-State band, honor bands, CYWE, and is chapter founder of Harmony for Hearts in Cincinnati. Sam enjoys bringing pieces to life, and is thrilled to be performing for COFA!

**Niles Watson**, from Damascus, MD, joined the Columbus Symphony as Principal Flute in February of 2019. He is a graduate of the Curtis Institute of Music, where he studied with Jeffrey Khaner. Niles' prior teachers include Aaron Goldman of the National Symphony.

**Dr. Jiung Yoon** holds a DMA in piano performance from The Ohio State University. He initially studied in South Korea where he won numerous competitions such as the IBACH Music Competition and the National Music Concours Scholarship. After obtaining a bachelor's degree in Korea, Jiung worked as a professional accompanist for hundreds of concerts and international music camps and competitions. In 2006 he attended on scholarship at Bowling Green State University where he earned his certificate and MMA in piano. He studied with Prof. Laura Melton and worked with Prof. Steven Glaser at Ohio State where he held a University Fellowship. Jiung is now in high demand in central Ohio as a soloist and collaborative pianist and is Associated Faculty for Collaborative Piano at OSU.

# NOTES

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## ATTENTION - COFA PARTICIPANTS

Participants are invited to forward suggestions for next year's festival by contacting Katherine Borst Jones via email at [jones.6@osu.edu](mailto:jones.6@osu.edu) or by postal mail at the School of Music, 1866 N. College Road, Columbus, OH 43210.

This is your festival. Let us know what you think!

Submit dates of flute events for our newsletter and website at any time to [cofahiosate@gmail.com](mailto:cofahiosate@gmail.com).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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### High School Flute Workshop at Ohio State

June 16-20, 2024

Application deadline May 27 • <https://music.osu.edu/outreach/ysmp/flute-workshop>

### 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual National Flute Association Convention

August 1-4, 2024

San Antonio, Texas • [www.nfaonline.org](http://www.nfaonline.org)

### 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual COFA Flute Festival TBD

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