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Guest Jennifer Gunn

Piccolo and flute, Chicago Symphony

Piccolo Lecturer, Northwestern University

March 2nd, 8 am - 5 pm

Timashev Music Building

The Ohio State University

1900 College Road N, Columbus, OH 43210



THE CENTRAL OHIO FLUTE ASSOCIATION

President's Note:



Inside the recital Hall in the Timashev Music Building

We are thrilled to be hosting our forty-first annual flute festival of the Central Ohio Flute Association. This year, we will be able to celebrate in person again on **March 2nd, 2024** in the Timashev Family Music Building on The Ohio State University campus which just turned one year old! We are so fortunate to be able to use these beautiful facilities for this year's festival. We are so grateful to all those who have been involved with and supported COFA over the years and are looking forward to seeing you back in the Timashev Music Building in March.

We are fortunate to have **Jennifer Gunn** as this year's renowned guest artist. Mrs. Gunn was appointed Piccolo and Flute of the Chicago Symphony in 2005 and is active in outreach and education with the orchestra. She is also a member of the faculty at Northwestern University and is a sought-after clinician around the world. Her primary teachers included Robert Langevin, Rhian Kenny, George Pope, and Mary Kay Robinson.

Online registration will open on February 1st, 2024. More details regarding available sessions and how to attend will follow in a 2024 edition of the newsletter, early next year. Here at COFA, we are all working to provide the most rewarding experience possible!

We look forward to having you all join us again in March for a flute-filled weekend! For all the latest updates related to upcoming COFA events and the 2024 COFA Festival, please visit our website at the link below. Please stay tuned for more information, and we hope to see you soon!

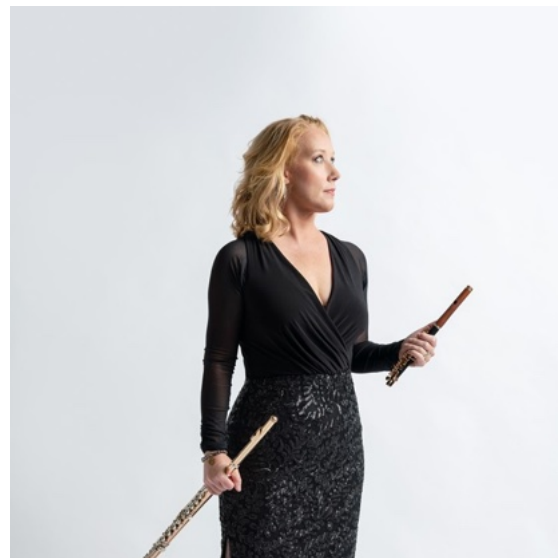
-Meagan Gaskill, COFA President

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ABOUT OUR GUEST ARTIST

Jennifer M. Gunn was appointed flute and piccolo of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra by Daniel Barenboim in 2005. In December 2020, the position was endowed as the Dora and John Aalbrechtse Piccolo Chair. Since joining, she has been active in the life of the Orchestra in many ways, including performances on its contemporary music series MusicNOW, the CSO Chamber Music series and the Once Upon a Symphony series designed for families with young children. Gunn also has served as a piccolo and flute coach for the Civic Orchestra of Chicago, participated in the *Dream Out Loud* Music Education Advocacy Campaign and joined Zell Music Director Riccardo Muti for several of the programs for at-risk and incarcerated youth at Chicago-area juvenile justice centers.



Equally at home on flute or piccolo, Gunn 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 MusicNOW series playing Shirish Korde's *Nesting Cranes* in 2007. A year later, she made her piccolo debut as soloist under the direction of Harry Bicket performing Vivaldi's Concerto in C Major (RV 443) on the CSO's subscription series. Gunn also has featured as a flutist in Bach's *Brandenburg* Concertos with her CSO colleagues under the direction of both Nicholas Kraemer and Pinchas Zukerman. In June of 2019, Gunn was featured as piccolo soloist under the direction of Music Director Riccardo Muti in Vivaldi's C Major Concerto (RV444), and also gave the CSO premiere of Ken Benshoof's Concerto in Three Movements for Piccolo and Orchestra.

Gunn has enjoyed many occasions to join colleagues in a variety of performance settings. In the Chicago area, she has been a guest with the Bach Week Festival, Dempster Street Pro Musica, Music of the Baroque and the Civitas Ensemble. Beyond Chicago, Gunn has enjoyed collaborations at the Sunflower Music Festival in Topeka, Kansas; Buzzards Bay Musicfest in Marion, Massachusetts; Arizona Musicfest in Scottsdale, Arizona; and the St. Bart's Music Festival in Saint Barthélemy, French West Indies. She can also be heard on recordings featuring the music of composers Mason Bates, Anna Clyne, and Victoria Bond, as well recordings of the Orchestra on the CSO Resound label.

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

Gunn has held previous positions including assistant principal flute of the Louisville Orchestra, principal flute of the Fort Wayne Philharmonic and second flute of the Wheeling Symphony Orchestra. She holds a bachelor of music degree from the Mary Pappert School of Music at Duquesne University (Pennsylvania), where she studied with Robert Langevin and Rhian Kenny. She had additional studies at the University of Akron (Ohio) with George Pope and Mary Kay Robinson.

She is married to Jonathan Gunn, professor of clarinet at University of Texas Butler School of Music.



Information for the 2024 COFA Competitions is available on the COFA website. All application materials are due on **December 22nd, 2023** by 11:59 pm. Questions about the COFA Competitions may be directed to Dr. Erin Helgeson Torres at erinhtorres@gmail.com.

<https://org.osu.edu/cofa/cofa-2024-competition/>

Congratulations again to the winners of the 2023 COFA Competitions! **Rhys Vander Kelen** won the Junior division, **Sophie Zhang** won the Senior division, **Colleen McCracken** won the Collegiate division, and **Shannon Lotti** won the Young Artist division.



2023 Junior Division Finalists



2023 Senior Division Finalists



2023 Collegiate Division Finalists



2023 Young Artist Division Finalists



CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Call for 30-minute session proposals for COFA on March 2, 2024

This year, we invite you to send a one-page proposal to present a 30-minute session for COFA participants at our annual festival on March 2, 2024. Up to four sessions will be selected, and times for sessions will be sent out after selections are made. Please send your one-page document as a PDF to cofaohiostate@gmail.com by January 8th, 2024 at 11:59 pm. Presenters will be notified by January 30, 2024. Applicants must be available to present in person at the Timashev Family Music Building on the Ohio State campus on March 2 in order to be eligible. Please submit any questions regarding proposals to cofaohiostate@gmail.com.



THANK YOU 2023 SPONSORS AND EXHIBITORS

The annual COFA festival would not be possible without the support of our sponsors and exhibitors. We are so grateful for your support to help us reach 40 years! This past year, we were thrilled to have so many exhibitors in the exhibit hall including Brannen Brothers Flutemakers inc, Flute Center of New York, Flute Specialists, The Flute Shop, Flute World, Schmitt Music Gallery, Treble Craft Winds, and Wm. S. Haynes Co. For questions about exhibiting or sponsoring COFA, please email Katie Sharp (sharp.452@osu.edu).

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The Ohio State University Flute Troupe

Flute Troupe has had a busy semester, performing for the one-year anniversary of the new Timashev Family Music Building on October 23rd. Other performances for fall semester include HalleBOOia, a Flute Troupe Recital, a concert for the University Women’s Club, and the Annual Music Celebration Concert.



Katherine Borst Jones conducts Flute Troupe on the one-year anniversary of Timashev Family Music Building

Congratulations to COFA Leaders Ray Johnson, Jonathan Mitchell, and Coral Varian on their graduating recitals!

Ray Johnson, Jonathan Mitchell, and Coral Varian presented their graduating recitals for their Music Education degrees this fall. Ray Johnson has also been involved with the OSU Marching Band since his first year at OSU. Jonathan Mitchell is a composer as well and was able to premier his flute quartet on his recital. Coral Varian presented a recital of works from the Nordic Collection in OSU’s music library. We are so grateful for their leadership in COFA for the past few years! They will all go on to student-teach in the spring.



Ray Johnson and Katherine Borst Jones



Allie Gerckens, Braden Stewart, Jonathan Mitchell, Sophia Geelhood



Katherine Borst Jones, Coral Varian, Casey Cook



Guest Artist Visits in 2023 included Lorna McGhee, Eighth Blackbird, Imani Winds, and Jill Felber



COFA has had a busy year full of incredible guest artists visits. In March 2023, we welcomed Lorna McGhee who hosted fabulous masterclasses and a thrilling recital at the 40th COFA festival. At the end of March, OSU brought Eighth Blackbird to campus to play with the Wind Symphony, and COFA members got to perform in a chamber masterclass with the group and a flute masterclass with Lina Andonovska. Then in April, Imani Winds visited Ohio State and Capital University for a recital and a concert with the OSU Symphonic Band. COFA flutists enjoyed a chamber masterclass with the quintet and a flute masterclass with Brandon Patrick Geroge. Finally, in November, we were fortunate to have Jill Felber present her Extreme Makeover Flute Addition at OSU after a weekend as the guest artist for Ohio Northern University’s Flute Day. We are grateful to all of these wonderful guest artists for sharing their time and wisdom!

Jill Felber workshop



Brandon Geroge masterclass



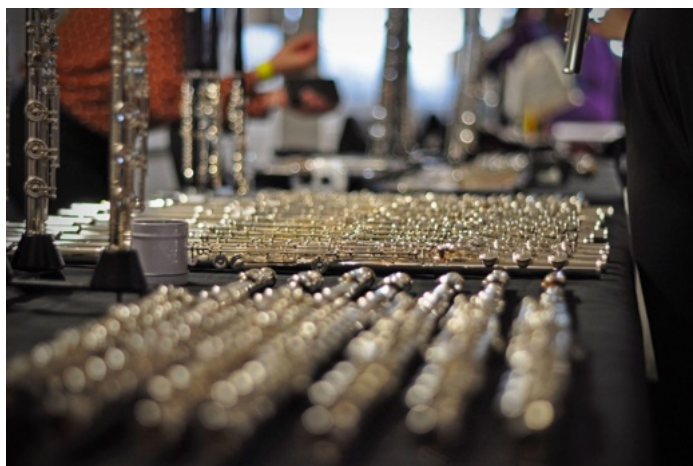
Lina Andonovska lesson



Lorna McGhee and Diane Frazier recital



March 2, 2024: 41st Central Ohio Flute Association Festival with Guest Artist Jennifer Gunn



June 16-20, 2024: Flute Workshop at The Ohio State University

We are excited to announce that The Ohio State University Flute Workshop will be held in person once again this year. The date is set for **June 16-20**, so mark your calendars now. The workshop is open to all students entering 9-12th grade in the 2024-2025 school year and 2024 graduates. More details and registration information are to come and will be available at <https://music.osu.edu/>.



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See you all on March 2, 2024!

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