

# Parasky Flute Studio

# Fall Newsletter

## Reminders

- Flute tuition is due as early as August 20, 2010 if you are paying in full for the 2010-2011 School Year Term
- Regular Weekly lessons begin on Monday, September 13, 2010
- Flute Choir starts September 14, 2010
- There is a week of free lessons in August before Mr. Parasky goes on vacation

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## 2010-2011 School Year Term

The **2010-2011 School Year Term** begins on Monday, September 13, 2010. You are expected to attend all 36 events of the school year term (35 lessons and 1 required recital). There is one week of free lessons before the term begins from August 23-28th. This lesson will count as a make up for the school year if you can participate.

**Flute Tuition** is due at the first lesson of each month from September-June if you are making 10 monthly budget payments. Larger tuition payments (2 Installments) are due September and February 1st whereas payment in full is due by August 20th. Checks should be made payable to "Dan Parasky". You can also visit the studio website to pay tuition via paypal.

**Group Make Ups** are scheduled as needed throughout the school year. Any-

one can attend make up classes at any time as a means to stockpile lesson time for future cancellations. Individual make ups may be scheduled when 24-hour advanced notice is provided for a cancellation.

All lessons, classes and recitals are held at Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church as part of the Newlonsburg Music Academy. The main room for Parasky Studio activity is 208. Students must enter the building through the education wing which is the entrance at the lower left hand corner of the building. You may exit through the main glass doors in front of the Sanctuary.

Newlonsburg Music Academy classes start on Tuesday September 14, 2010. Flute choir students need to make note of this date.

## [www.paraskyflutestudios.com](http://www.paraskyflutestudios.com)

The studio website is a resource available for students and parents to check the lesson schedule (CALENDAR), snow cancellations (NEWS), and to make tuition payments (TUITION). The calendar

has all of the lesson breaks marked in for the school year and also includes audition and tentative recital dates. In the event that lessons are cancelled any particular day, Mr. Parasky will send out a

text and an email message with makes ups listed on the NEWS page. The current newsletter will always be made available under the news page as well for your reference.

## Honors Band Auditions

High school students that participate in band at their respective schools in western PA are eligible to take the PMEA Honors Band audition. The music for this audition is available from Mr. Parasky and is the first movement of the Mozart Concerto in G Major.

The live audition is scheduled for Monday, October 4, 2010 at Gateway High School. There is a small audition fee to try out.

Middle school students in grades 6-8 are eligible to take the Seton Hill Middle School Honors Band audition. The music for the audition is available from Mr. Parasky and is the Rondeau movement from the Suite in B minor by J.S. Bach.

The live audition is usually scheduled on the first Saturday of November at Seton Hill University. There is a small audition fee to try out.

A National Honors Band audition is annually sponsored by Music for All ([www.musicforall.org](http://www.musicforall.org)). This is a competitive audition that requires the use of smart music software to record an audition for the ensemble. This audition has a high cost associated with it so see Mr. Parasky for more information if you are interested in trying out. The audition deadline is September 15, 2010.



## Honors Flute Choir Auditions

A Regional High School Flute Choir competition is sponsored by the Flute Society of Washington D.C. Students must record the Handel Sonata in F Major and submit their application materials in early November to be considered for this ensemble. Accepted students will perform in the

Washington DC area this February.

A National High School Flute Choir competition is sponsored by the National Flute Association. Students must record the 3rd movement of the Muczynski Sonata for Flute and Piano plus the 2nd movement of the Kuhlau Fantasia Number 1.

Audition materials are due in February to be considered for this *prestigious* ensemble. If accepted, students will perform at the National Flute Convention in Charlotte, North Carolina in August 2011.

## Advanced Auditions

There are several soloist competitions that award cash prizes for students to participate in this upcoming school year. These are for serious students that will *over practice* the audition material.

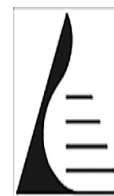
The Flute Society of Washington D.C. sponsors a competition in three age brackets; grades 6 and un-

der, grades 7-9 and grades 10-12.

The National Flute Association sponsors a competition for grades 9-12 only.

The Westmoreland Symphony Orchestra also sponsors a soloist competition in two tiers; grades 7-9 and grades 10-12.

Youth Orchestra auditions are spread out throughout the school year: Westmoreland Youth Symphony Orchestra (August), the Pittsburgh Youth Symphony Orchestra (May) and the Three Rivers Young Peoples Orchestra (June). Please speak with Mr. Parasky for more information.



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YOUNG PEOPLES  
ORCHESTRAS

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INSPIRING FLUTISTS, ENRICHING LIVES  
Flute ASSOCIATION

## Flute Recitals

The flute recital structure is different this year. Students are only required to participate in one Solo Flute Recital. The required solo flute recital has been worked into your flute tuition and there are no additional fees associated with performing. A minimum of two solo recital dates will be used to split up the studio into groups. Required recital dates will be announced.

In the meantime, there are two optional recitals this fall. The fee to perform a non-flute choir piece in an optional recital is \$10 per student per concert. Participants are selected first come first serve.

The first optional recital is on Monday, October 25, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. and will feature music from the Harry Potter film scores. Piano accompaniment will be used for the 15 volunteer soloists. Visit the re-

cital page on the studio website to sign up.

The second optional flute recital is on Monday, December 20, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. Solos and Duets with piano will be performed in this recital.

Flute Choir students should note that they are performing with their flute choirs in both of the optional recitals. There is no \$10 fee for the flute choir members unless you sign up to perform a non-flute choir piece.

## Flute Choir

Flute choir is an available NMA class that meets on Tuesdays.

Intermediate Flute Choir is from 4:45-5:15 p.m. and is for students in grades 4-7. The cost is \$75 per term (fall and winter).

Advanced Flute Choir is from 5:15-6:00 p.m. and is

for students in grades 8-12. The cost is \$115 per term (fall and winter).

Flute choir is a great opportunity for students to meet in a group and learn harmony parts as opposed to always having the melody line (which flutes usually have in band class). Students also gain exposure to

the piccolo, alto and bass flutes as a part of curriculum. Mr. Parasky tries to schedule a minimum of one community outreach concert per school year for flute choir.

Flute choir starts September 14, 2010. Let Mr. Parasky know if you want to participate.

## Scheduled Lesson Breaks

There are no weekly lessons or flute choir during the following breaks:

### Pre-Term Break

August 30-September 12

### Fall Lesson Break

November 23-28

### Winter Lesson Break

December 22-January 1



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## News

Studio seniors **Madhav Iyengar and Courtney Harkins** are giving 45-60 minute solo flute recitals this school year. It is time for juniors to think about if they want to take on this task next year!

**Studio Interns:** Courtney Harkins, Meghan Bechman and Michelle Gonos

**Newest Full Time Students:** Annmarie Miller, Ami Shaw, Abigail Sites and Jessica Watt.

**Intermediate Flute Choir members:** Rebecca Scimio, Courtney Guzik, Jessica Smith, Gillian Taddonio, Katja Kochvar and Julia Pampalone.

**Advanced Flute Choir members:** Kaitlyn Ruffing, Tori Nied, Meghann Slatosky, Amanda Campbell, Drew Ramsey, Courtney Harkins, Diane Smith, Alex Schwab, Meghan Bechman, Jennifer Shaffer, Victoria Zhang, Jessica Kline, Madison Yemc and Allie Musiak.

**Courney Harkins, Kaitlyn Ruffing and Madhav Iyengar** attended the National Flute Convention in Anaheim, California this past August as members of the National High School Flute Choir. It was four full days of all things flute including concerts, classes, lectures and shopping.

Former Parasky Studio students **Cassandra Rondinelli and Janel Ries** got married this past July!

**Addie Anderson** participated in a summer music camp at Berklee College of Music in Boston.

**Jessica Smith** participated in the Seton Hill Music Camp this summer.