

Parasky Flute Studio Spring 2010 Newsletter

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Reminders

- **The Solo Flute Recitals are February 26 and March 19**
- **A Pay Pal payment button is now available on the studio website**
- **Summer Term Dates**

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PAY PAL FOR TUITION PAYMENTS ON STUDIO WEBSITE

Pay Pal is now being used as an option for tuition collection which enables you to pay Mr. Parasky online with a checking account or a credit card.

The Pay Pal Payment Buttons are under the School Year Term and/or Summer Term pages for current students. Simply select the appropriate amount for your tuition payment and click on "pay now". It is important to realize that you do not need a Pay Pal account to send money to Mr. Parasky. Using your existing Pay Pal account or creating one will speed up the payment process.

Personal checks (made payable to "Dan Parasky") or cash are still accepted forms of payment if you are

not comfortable with using Pay Pal. It is up to you to decide the payment method that works best for you.

PIANO COLLABORATION LESSONS

Students are reminded that Piano collaboration lessons are available with Mrs. Andrae (NMA Piano Faculty). A 30-minute lesson is only \$15 and students are encouraged to

schedule them as needed for solo and/or audition repertoire that has piano accompaniment.

Students may even schedule a permanent

weekly time slot for piano collaboration lessons. Let Mr. Parasky know if you are interested scheduling something with Mrs. Andrae.

PARASKY FLUTE STUDIO SUMMER FLUTE CAMP

Save the date for the first annual Parasky Flute Studios Summer Flute Camp.

The camp will take place from Monday, June 28-Friday, July 2 from the hours of 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Newlonsburg Music Academy in Murrysville, PA.

Flutists that are entering grades 7-12 this fall are welcome to attend the camp. Two different learning sections (grades 7-8 and 9-12) are used to

cover appropriate music and topics. Sometimes both sections combine to take advantage of learning in a larger group of flutists.

Tuition covers all written materials for the class and includes a flute method book. The total cost to participate in the Flute Camp is \$350. There will be over 25 hours of instruction as a part of the camp!

Guest flute teachers and performing artists will be featured throughout the week and tons of flute education will take place.

Specific information about the flute camp will be released in March.

Mr. Parasky hopes to see you there!

Summer Camp Guests Teachers/Artists

Cassandra Rondinelli

(www.cassandrarondinelli.com) is an alum of the Parasky Flute Studios and is currently the Flute Teaching Assistant and Mancini Fellow at the University of Miami Frost School of Music where she is working toward her DMA in Flute Performance.

Lindsey Goodman

(web.me.com/lindseygoodman) has been described as a "legitimate virtuoso" who performs with "agility and emotion" (Pittsburgh Post-Gazette) and "impressive artistry" (Pittsburgh Tribune-Review). Ms. Goodman is the principal flutist of the West Virginia Symphony Orchestra and is the solo flutist of the Pittsburgh New Music Ensemble. Ms. Goodman also performs regularly as a soloist, chamber musician, and masterclass clinician around the country.

Wendy Kumer

(www.fluteacademy.com) BSME: DU., MFA: CMU. 30+ years teaching experience. Conn-Selmer Artist, Clinician. Conductor of the National HS Flute Choir, Founder of the Flute Academy. 22 years on the faculty of Duquesne University. Secretary of The National Flute Association 2003-2005. Currently on the faculty of West Liberty University, and secretary for the Marcel Moyse Society. Student winners at the local, regional and national and international levels.

SUMMER FLUTE LESSONS

Weekly summer flute lessons will also be available this year and can be taken in addition to or in place of the summer flute camp. Keep in mind that the camp is designed to get the most bang for the buck for students that will be entering grades 7-12. Flutists that are entering

grades 6 and under will benefit the most from weekly private lessons this summer.

There will also be a group lesson option for grades 9-12 that will feature a band based curriculum for Franklin Regional Students. Marching Band memorization and playing

test preparation will be the heaviest component of the group lesson curriculum.

Specific details regarding summer flute lessons will be made available in April.

BREATHING WORKSHOP

Mr. Parasky will be offering a Breathing Workshop as a part of the Newlonsburg Music Academy.

The workshop will meet for 4 sessions on Tuesdays from 5:30-6:15 p.m. in room 105. Class dates are May 4th, 11th, 18th and the 25th.

Instrumentalists outside of the flute studio will be in-

vited to participate so if you have any friends that play different instruments, then let them know they can participate.

We will explore breath control, phrase shaping and how to improve your lung capacity.

The tuition for this Workshop is \$30 made payable to the "NMA" and is due on

May 4th at the first class.

Participants will need their instruments for each class.

SOLO FLUTE RECITALS

The solo flute recitals are fast approaching:

Each recital starts at 6:30 p.m. and students have been sent staggered report times for the dress rehearsal that is held immediately before each recital.

Upon arrival, students should place their belongings in the first 4 pews at the front of the Sanctuary, assemble their flutes and report to the choir room for their dress rehearsal.

Appropriate attire for recitals is required. Formal gowns and tuxedos are not necessary but jeans and a T-Shirt will not cut it! You want to wear something that is not constricting and comfortable to perform in.

Willing parents are asked to bring 1/2 dozen cookies or an alternative finger food to their student's recitals for the reception. Simply leave your food on the reception table that will be set up in the Narthex.

Audience members are invited to attend for free so please bring as many people as possible to hear each concert.

SOLO FLUTE RECITAL ASSIGNMENTS

Friday, February 26, 2010

Rebecca Friedman
Rebecca Scimio
Lauren Bailey
Julia Pampalone
Jennifer Shaffer
Anna Ferri
Amanda Campbell
Tori Nied
Rosalyn Tan
Katja Kochvar
Madi Yemc
Addie Anderson
Meghan Bechman
Hannah Ko
Victoria Zhang
Madhav Iyengar
Kaitlyn Ruffing
Courtney Harkins

Friday, March 19, 2010

Maria Hernandez
Courtney Guzik
Gillian Taddonio
Cindy Zachar
Nina Rosporski
Caitee Baird
Cassidy Hopkins
Diane Smith
Jessica Smith
Drew Ramsey
Allie Musiak
Jessica Kline
Meghann Slatosky
Jeanne Ding
Maggie Kimmich
Alex Schwab
Mary Gregg

WINTER CANCELLATIONS

In the event that school is closed due to low temperatures, lessons are still held at their normal times.

When school is closed due to heavy snowfall, Mr. Parasky will contact you via text and an email regarding the status of lessons for the day. If you do not hear from Mr. Parasky, then

please assume that lessons are still on as scheduled. Keep in mind that Snow Make Ups are always offered if you are not comfortable to drive in the conditions that particular day.

Snow Make up times are offered on an alternative lesson day in the form a class that is divided by age

(grades 5 and under, grades 6-8, and grades 9-12).

The classes for grades 5 and under are 30-45 minutes and the classes for grades 6-12 are normally held for a full hour.

LESSON BREAKS AND EXTRA LESSONS

The following dates do not have lessons scheduled:

April 1-7

May 31

The final lesson of the School Year Term Saturday June 12, 2010.

Extra Lessons will be made available for interested students on April 6th and 7th. Make ups will also be

scheduled on those days.

NEWS

- **Courtney Harkins** has become a regular flute soloist during the 8:30 a.m. service at Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church.
- **Courtney Harkins, Kaitlyn Ruffing and Madhav Iyengar** auditioned for the National Flute Association's National High School Flute Choir Competition.
- **Madhav Iyengar and Alex Schwab** won the Mid-Atlantic Flute Fair High School Flute Choir competition.
- **Katja Kochvar** won 1st place in the Mid-Atlantic Flute Fair Elementary Soloist Competition!
- **The NMA Flute Choirs** are performing in a massive flute choir concert on Saturday March 27, 2010. They will be combining forces with the Flute Academy Flute Choirs and performing a piece written in 56 parts!
- **Courtney Harkins** is auditioning for PMEA Regional Band
- The entire flute studio is gearing up to perform in the solo flute recitals.
- Mr. Parasky is providing music during the Easter services at Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church during both morning services.
- Mr. Parasky has completed his journey of group fitness certifications and is now actively teaching the following classes at the Alexander's Athletic Club in Norwin: Body Pump, Body Combat, RPM, Body Step and Body Attack! If you are interested in attending a class, then just let him know.



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