

FLUTE NOTES



APRIL/MAY 2024

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President's Letter

Spring has sprung and we're nearing the end of our TFC Season. Not to worry, we have exciting plans for the summer to keep you practicing and fluting, and are working on a fabulous 2024-2025 season. During the Summer we will be holding various flute choir reading sessions. These meetings will be held a little earlier than usual due to St. Philip's summer hours, and will also be open to non-member flutists to provide a chance to experience our group and join in the Fall. Watch out for email announcements!

As we wrap up the season, that means it's time for the TFC Annual Meeting and Elections. This year we are back in-person and in connection with an End-of-Year Potluck. Join us as we enjoy some delicious food and celebrate another year of fun, friendship, and flutes! **The Annual Meeting/Potluck will be held on Saturday May 18 from 5-6:30pm (ish) at Ramada #5 in Udall Park.** Please bring a dish to share. TFC will provide beverages, plates, napkins and plasticware. After our celebration, we'll all have the opportunity to stay and hear a concert by the Arizona Symphonic Winds that same evening at 7pm.

One of our main agenda items for the Annual Meeting is the election of members for next year's Board of Directors. As you know, TFC is operated and governed by a volunteer board from the membership, and we couldn't put on the programming and events without the efforts of these folks! As we look forward to next year, please consider nominating yourself or a friend. Many hands make light work, and fresh perspectives are welcome! This is an exciting time as the board explores our strategic priorities, diverse program offerings, funding opportunities, events, and new ways to best enrich our members.

Board meetings are held every month or two via Zoom. To nominate yourself or a friend (after getting their permission!), please send an email to tucsonfluteclub@gmail.com and we will add them to the slate. Nominees need not attend the annual meeting to be elected (but we'd love to see you there!). Keep up the great work, and don't forget to practice!

Chris Smith
President

Got News? The next Flute Notes deadline is September 25. Send your news to sandyschwoebel@aol.com.

The logo for Lombardo Music Publications (LMP) features the letters "LMP" in a large, bold, serif font, with "Lombardo Music Publications" written in a smaller font below it. Underneath the logo, it says "Trenton, New Jersey". Below the logo, the text reads "Lombardo Music Publications" and "Arrangements & Compositions by Ricky Lombardo". At the bottom, the contact information is listed: "phone: 609.586.9245", "email: LMP@lombardomusic.com", and "https://lombardomusic.com".

Calendar

APRIL 24	Rehearsal
MAY 1	Rehearsal
MAY 5	MEMBERS' RECITAL 2pm at St. Mark's United Methodist Church, Free. Call time is 1pm. More info on p. 4.
MAY 15	Sightreading session, 6:30-8:30
MAY 18	Annual Meeting & Potluck (see. p. 3)
JUNE 12	Sightreading session, 6-8pm
JULY 10	Sightreading session, 6-8pm

Regular rehearsals run from 6:30-8:30pm and are held in the Children's Chapel at St. Philip's. Bring a stand. Come a little early so that you can get set up. **PLEASE DON'T COME IF YOU ARE SICK!**

Summer 2024

TFC will have three sightreading sessions this summer — May 15, June 12 and July 10. We will take the month of August off, and then start up weekly rehearsals again after Labor Day in September.

Sightreading is a great way to stay in shape! Even if you don't think you're very good at it, please attend when you can (and your sight-reading will improve!). You will also be able to voice some thoughts about our repertoire for next season.

May 15 — 6:30 to 8:30pm

June 12 — 6 to 8pm

July 10 — 6 to 8pm

These sessions are open to non-TFC members.
Please invite your flute-playing friends!

Summer Flute Ideas, or How to Stay in Shape

by Sandy Schwoebel

While everyone needs a vacation now and then, we all know how our fluting plummets during those times. Here are a few tips that will hopefully inspire you to pick up your flute regularly this summer:

1. Come to TFC's reading sessions!
2. Ask someone to play duets/trios/quartets with you.
3. Sign up for a lesson (or two, or more)
4. Attend classes at the NFA Convention in August
5. Purchase some play-along books and play along!
6. Attend a summer flute masterclass (if you don't know how to find one, ask me)
7. Set a goal for yourself, something you want to improve on — and work on it regularly.
8. Try to play at least 15 minutes per day.
9. Find a recording of an excellent flutist playing some piece that you love. Buy the music and try to copy that sound.
10. Download the Acapella app and record yourself. This app easily makes audio and video recordings for pieces up to 9 different parts (well, you would have to play them all! And there is a trial version.)
11. If the play-along books are too fast for you, download The Amazing Slow Downer program to your computer. It's inexpensive. Once you import your accompaniment into the program, it has sliding bars so that you can change the speed of a piece OR the pitch level (so you can slow down the pieces to your comfort level, or play the same pieces at the original tempo on alto flute!).
12. Reorganize your sheet music, and vow to play through those old books at least once. They will still help you.
13. If you go out of town, stop at a music store and play test flutes. The new sounds you find can inspire you.
14. Set up a small ensemble performance for yourself and a few friends — on your porch, in the park, or elsewhere.
15. If your flute is not sounding quite right, send it off for repair this summer. When it comes back, you will want to practice because it will be so much easier to play!
16. Splurge on new music! There a list of some helpful books on the next page.

TFC Needs YOU!

Our flute club does not run on rehearsals alone. We need board members to help make decisions about what kinds of projects TFC will work towards. We are also looking for a new Historian, since Charlotte Raby is stepping down after a few years (thank you for your service, Charlotte!). This is essentially a scrap-booking job — TFC has history books that go back to our beginnings, but they need to be updated. This could be one person or a small committee. If you can help with any of this, please send an email before May 18 to TucsonFluteClub@gmail.com. Thanks!

Summer Book Ideas

There are LOTS of flute books out there to help you! Here are a few ideas by category:

For Fingers:

- Maquarre, *Daily Exercises*
- Reichert, *Seven Daily Exercises*
- M. Moysse, *Exercises Journaliers*

For Tone:

- Trevor Wye, *Practice Book on Tone*
- M. Moysse, *De La Sonorite*

For Articulation:

- Trevor Wye, *Practice Book on Articulation*
- Taffanel & Gaubert, *Grands Exercices Journaliers*

For Tuning:

- Trevor Wye, *Practice Book on Intonation*

Play-Along Books (all published by Hal Leonard):

- George Gershwin
- James Bond
- Lennon & McCartney
- Disney (many books at many different levels)

Repertoire (listed from easiest to hardest):

- M. Mower, *Musical Postcards*
- Everybody's Favorite Flute Solos
- D. Peck, *Solos for Flute*
- R. Cavally, *24 Short Concert Pieces*
- L. Moysse, *Flute Music by French Composers*

Ensemble Music:

- look on IMSLP.org for free music!

End-of-Year Potluck, Annual Meeting and Elections!

Saturday, May 18

5-6:30pm (ish)

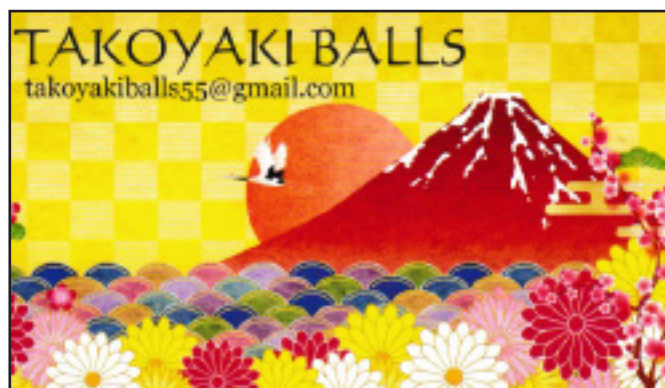
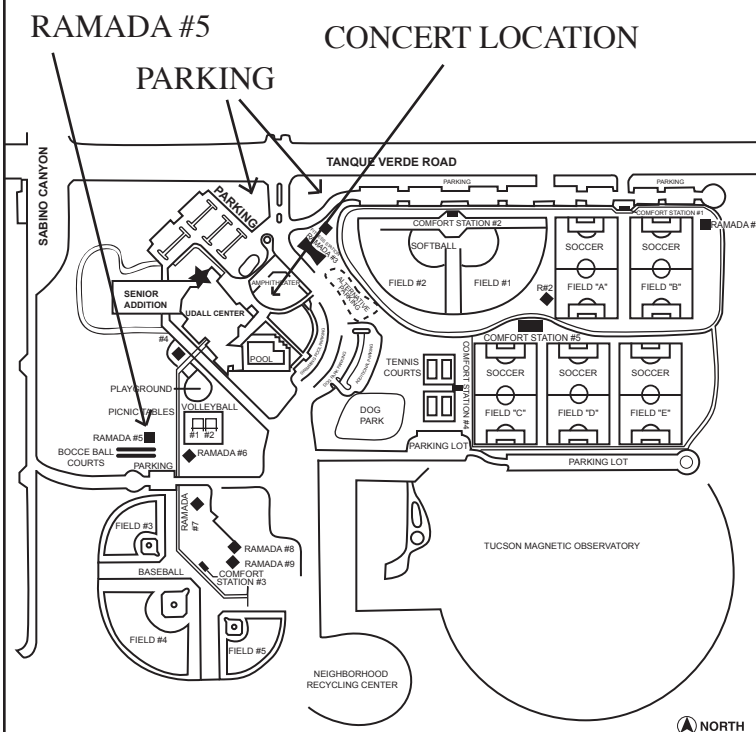
Ramada #5 in Udall Park

7200 E. Tanque Verde Road

(corner of E. Tanque Verde and Sabino Canyon; see map below)

Please bring a dish to share. TFC will provide beverages, plates, napkins and plasticware.

Stay afterwards to hear a concert by the amazing Arizona Symphonic Winds at 7pm that same evening!



Free Flute Concerts!

High school senior and **TFC student member Siena Davoli-Boen** will present a full recital at 3pm on Sunday, April 28 at St. Mark's United Methodist Church. Her repertoire includes Briccialdi's *Carnival of Venice*, the Poulenc *Sonata*, Monti's *Czardas*, Donizetti's *Nocturne from "Don Pasquale"*, the piccolo solo *The Whistler and His Dog*, and Vivaldi's *Concerto in C Major* for two solo flutes with flute choir accompaniment. Also performing as soloists with Siena on this concert are TFC student members Jude Poirier and Nate Schlosser. All are welcome to attend this free concert.



TFC's Members' Recital will be held on Sunday, May 5 at 2pm, and is also at St. Mark's United Methodist Church, 1431 West Magee Road (SW corner of Magee and La Cañada).

This concert is **FREE!** Please invite your family, friends and neighbors! There will be solos, duos, trios, small ensembles, and of course our flute choir.

Most of you will be playing, so please remember to bring your flute(s), music stand, and sheet music. Dress is black pants and black shoes with a solid pastel color top (no sleeveless shirts please). Call time is 1 p.m.



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A Blast from the Past

TFC was founded in 1970 and is now nearly 54 years old! We have quite a history, much of which has been preserved in scrapbooks over the years. Each issue of *Flute Notes* will feature some look back at things TFC has done in the past. How many do you remember? Here are some more choice moments:



Clockwise, from left: 1999 TFC flute competition judges Hershel Kreloff and Fran Moskovitz; 2014 Alexander Technique workshop (Deb Jacobson in the chair); 1995 Flute Fiesta program; 1995 Flute Fiesta ensemble sightreading session; TFC performing at 1998 NFA Convention in Phoenix; 2010 TFC Flute Olympics poster; TFC founder Phil Swanson warming up before his 1991 recital.



The Tucson Flute Club presents
The First Arizona
Flute Olympics
 for Southern Arizona flutists through grade 12
 Medals Will Be Awarded!
 Grand Prize: \$100 Lesson Scholarship for Olympic Events Highest Total Score!

23 January 2010
 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. • Bloom Music Center
 St. Philip's In The Hills Church (NE corner River and Campbell)

Morning Workshops
Elementary: Ensemble Playing, Flute Basics, Fun Things with Flute
Middle School: Ensemble Playing, Faster Fingers, Good Tone
High School: Scales, Sightreading, Regionals Excerpts, Solo and/or Ensemble Coaching

Exhibits and Entertainment, with On-Site Repair Available!

Afternoon Middle School and High School Olympic Events from 1-3 p.m. **
 • **Trilling** (trilling continuously and evenly on half notes at mm=60 for 2 octaves of C major; finals may require trilling similarly on Db major scale)
 • **Scales** (one octave of all 12 major scales up and down)†
 • **Articulation** (legato single tongue progressing to staccato on required piece; high school event includes double tonguing)†
 • **Dynamics** (ppp-FFF-ppp while staying on pitch on low D; the reverse on high A)†
 • **Highest Note** (see website for fingerings!)†
 • **Longest Note** (holding B on the staff for longest amount of time)†
 • **Intonation** (on D major and E-flat major scales and arpeggios)†
 • **Relay** (for teams of 4 players, see website for required piece)†
 • **All-Around Champ** (solo competition; maximum time is 5 minutes)†

Finale: All flutists present will join in playing the "Olympic Fanfare", arranged on request for this event by Ricky Lombardo

Fee for morning workshops is \$10 for TFC members, and \$20 for non-members (includes TFC membership). Olympics are divided into Junior (grade 8 and under) and Senior (grades 9-12) categories. Fee for Olympic Events is \$5 for three events; competitors may elect to enter as many as they like (max fee is \$15). Lunch is \$5. Register by January 16 for a \$5 discount! A limited number of need-based scholarships are available. There is no charge for accompanying parents to attend. For more information or to download a registration form, please see www.tucsonfluteclub.org or call Mind, 465-8807.

**Audience seating for the Olympic Events is open to the public at no charge.
 † See www.tucsonfluteclub.org for application forms, to download required music for each event, and for complete competition details.



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