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RFA Annual Flute Fair

Guest Artist Recital

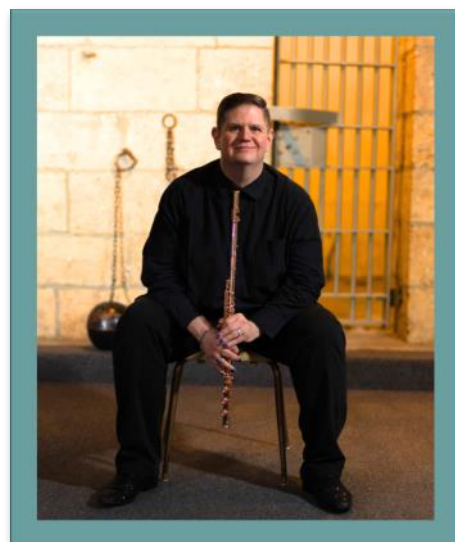
Date: October 20, 2023

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: Wilmot Recital Hall, Nazareth University

4245 East Avenue, Rochester, NY 14618

In conjunction with our 2023 Flute Fair, the Rochester Flute Association is delighted to announce the recital of our guest artist, Dr. Timothy Hagen. Accompanied by Ben Corbin on piano, this exciting program (see below) features many works that are written or arranged by our guest artist and is sure to be a performance enjoyed by all. Please join us after the recital for snacks and refreshments!



Dreaming/Being with Dr. Timothy Hagen and Ben Corbin

Invocation (2021) -- Timothy Hagen

Jhula Jhule (2013) -- Reena Esmail

Sonata for flute and piano (1979) -- Billy Childs

Reverie/Diablerie (2023) -- Timothy Hagen

Sonata in B minor for flute and piano-- Ottorino Respighi arr Timothy Hagen



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Flute Fair Day

Date: October 21, 2023

Time: 9:00 am—5:00 pm

(registration begins at 8:30)

Location: Martha Brown Middle School

665 Ayrault Road, Fairport, NY 14450

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We are so excited to announce the return of our Flute Fair and we are looking forward to having you join us this October! (See more information about our guest artist and Flute Fair Day activities on pages 3 and 4).

Letter from the President



Dear RFA members,

I am delighted to be back with all of you in the Rochester Flute Association once again! My special thanks to past president Alexandra Hine, outgoing board members Marjorie Roth and Annette Farrington, and the whole leader-

ship team for continuing to host workshops, competitions, concerts, Flute Camp, Pre-Solo Fest, and for keeping us connected through the newsletter for the past few years.

When we envisioned the RFA in 1995, we wanted to create a community of flutists - teachers, students, and adult flutists - to share ideas, resources, and our love of music with each other. In the past 28 years, we have done just that, and you have made this organization one that is supportive, inclusive, and inspiring. Whether you are a student joining us for the first time, a teacher looking to network and continue learning, or an adult crossing flute lessons off your bucket list, we welcome you!

Please take a look at the exciting Flute Fair we have planned for this October 20 and 21, and join us! It's our first time hosting a Fair since 2019, and as always, there will be something for everyone. You won't want to miss our Flute Fair guest artist, Tim Hagen! His engaging teaching style is well-known from appearances at the National Flute Association conventions, and he and his collaborative pianist, Ben Corbin, will be performing some of his own compositions at the Friday night recital. Bring your flute to play in a flute choir reading session, enjoy workshops by four local flute teachers and performers, cheer on the competition winners at the Winners' Recital, check out the surprises in the Silent Auction, and see the latest in flutes and accessories at the vendor exhibits!

I look forward to seeing you very soon.

With gratitude,
Joanna Bassett



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- ♪ To promote the enjoyment and appreciation of the flute.
- ♪ To assist members in achieving musical excellence.
- ♪ To facilitate an exchange of ideas among flutists, teachers, and flute enthusiasts.

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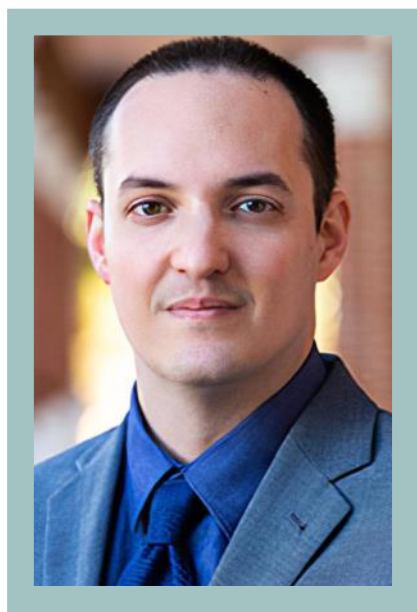
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Dr. Timothy Hagen

Praised for his “technical virtuosity and musical sensitivity” (NewMusicBox) and “real flair” (The Well-Tempered Ear), Chicago-based flutist Timothy Hagen (he/they) is a laureate of multiple national and international competitions, including the Myrna Brown Artist Competition and Australian International Flute Competition. He is currently Principal Flute of the Dubuque Symphony, was Principal Flute of the Missouri Symphony from 2009-2016, and has performed with orchestras across the country, including the Minnesota Orchestra, Grant Park Orchestra, Kalamazoo Symphony, San Antonio Symphony, and Dallas Wind Symphony. His award-winning compositions are performed by musicians throughout North America and Europe, and his scholarly writing has appeared in the journals of the National Flute Association (USA) and British Flute Society. Hagen is on the faculty of Clarke University in Dubuque, IA. He has also taught at the University of North Carolina-Greensboro, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, Oklahoma State University, The University of Texas at Austin, and Brookhaven College, as well as in partnerships with the Los Angeles Philharmonic, Lincoln Center Education, and Dallas Symphony. He completed his studies at the UNC School of the Arts, University of Southern California, Colburn School, and UT-Austin, and his teachers include Marianne Gedian, Jim Walker, Philip Dunigan, Renée Siebert, Tadeu Coelho, Chelsea Czuchra, Felicia McNaught, and Tina Ballard.



Dr. Ben Corbin



Collaborative Pianist Ben Corbin maintains an active schedule as a performer, teacher, and masterclass clinician. He was awarded top prizes in the Phi Beta Music Competition, OMTA Piano Competition, and the Coeur d'Alene Symphony Young Artists' Competition. Described as an “incisive” pianist (Colorado Springs Gazette) and praised for his “sensitive keyboard work” (The Virginia Pilot), Ben has also been featured on classical radio KMFA in Austin, TX, WFMT Chicago, WHRO in Virginia. He has had the privilege of performing at Taiwan's National Concert Hall and on the Dame Myra Hess International Concert Series, as well as concerto soloist with the Hampton Roads Philharmonic, the Chesapeake Bay Wind Ensemble, the Virginia Symphony Chamber Orchestra, the University of Oregon Symphony Orchestra, and the Christopher Newport University Wind Ensemble. Dr. Corbin holds degrees in Piano Performance from the University of Oregon and Collaborative Piano from The University of Texas at Austin. Ben was awarded fellowships in collaborative piano at the Brevard Music Center and the Colorado College Summer Music Festival. He has served as a member of the Collaborative Piano staff at the Meadowmount School of Music in New York, the International Clarinet Festival of Panama, the Torggler Summer Vocal Institute, and New England Music Camp. Dr. Corbin is currently the Assistant Professor of Piano and Collaborative Arts at Christopher Newport University, where he also serves as the Director of Keyboard Studies.

Flute Fair 2023

Friday October 20 and Saturday October 21

A weekend of workshops, performances, competitions, masterclasses, and exhibits to be enjoyed by all!

Friday Events

- ♪ Performance Competition, Wilmot Recital Hall, Nazareth University (closed to the public)
- ♪ Guest Artist Recital: Dr. Timothy Hagen, 7:30 pm, Wilmot Recital Hall, Nazareth University 4245 East Avenue, Rochester, NY 14618

(See page 1 to view the recital program)

Click [here](#) to hear our Guest Artist and get a taste of the fantastic performance experience you will have at his recital!

For more detailed information and to pre-register, scan the QR code or visit rfaonline.org



Call for Volunteers!

The RFA is in need of volunteers for our upcoming Flute Fair events. If you are able to assist, please contact Jay Golden at jgolden577@rochester.rr.com

Saturday Events

- ♪ 9:00 am-5:00pm Exhibits
- ♪ Jan Angus Piccolo Competition (closed to public)
- ♪ *Sparkling a Sense of Discovery in Your Flute Playing* with Laura Lentz
- ♪ *Gestures of Grace: The Flute Music of Daniel Pesca* with André Washington
- ♪ *Simplifying and Demystifying Baroque and Classical Ornamentations and Style* with Annette Farrington
- ♪ *Conquering the Fear of Heights!* With Rita George Simmons
- ♪ Masterclass with Dr. Timothy Hagen
- ♪ Junior and Adult Flute Choir Reading Sessions
- ♪ Guest Artist Workshop: *Empower Yourself* with Dr. Timothy Hagen



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23RD ANNUAL RFA/HOCHSTEIN FLUTE CAMP

The 23rd annual summer flute camp collaboration with The Hochstein School was another tremendous success. It took place July 24-28 and there were 16 campers, ranging from ages 11-18, who joined us this year. This year's winner of the Alleen Fraser Memorial Scholarship, an award named after a Rochester flutist and music educator, for full camp tuition was Liliana Fietkiewicz, a student of Laura Lentz. There were two large choirs which were named by the students, the Lizzo Choir, directed by Alexandra Hine, and the Troubadour Choir, co-directed by Ashley Moss Fox and Erika Marcucci. The campers also performed in three small ensembles directed by Annette Farrington, Erika Marcucci, and Alexandra Hine. Co-coordinators were Annette Farrington and Diane Smith. Special activities during camp included faculty ensemble and solo recitals, an informative workshop on ornamentation led by Annette Farrington, and a game of scale baseball where we combine a test of student scale knowledge with the fun of baseball. Each faculty member also led a daily warm up exercise. Ashley Moss Fox introduced the campers to Jazz scales, Erika Marcucci led students through exercises in Feldenkrais, Annette Farrington used a variety of games to teach students how to improve their musical skills, and Alexandra Hine concluded our week with teaching students how to properly stretch and warm up their bodies before playing the flute. Sophia Gibbs Kim joined our campers for a workshop on extended techniques which included a performance of an extended technique piece and individualized practice with teachers on each technique discussed, as well as Brad Batz who gave an introduction to the art of improvisation in Jazz music. The closing concert took place on Friday, July 28, 2023, featuring all small and large ensembles, and concluded with a joint performance of *Dona Nobis Pacem* led by Annette Farrington.



From the studio of Laura Lentz:

- 😊 Lilianna Fietkiewicz is a member of the Rochester Philharmonic Youth Orchestra and Hochstein Scholarship Flute Choir for the 2023-2024 season.
- 😊 Raeha Khazanchi is a member of the Hochstein Philharmonia Orchestra and the Hochstein Scholarship Flute Choir for the 2023-2024 season.

From the studio of Joanna Bassett

- 😊 Philip Nash will perform the Concertino by Cécile Chaminade with the Finger Lakes Community Band on their fall concert (see event calendar for details).



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- ♪ Receive discounts at RFA events
- ♪ Learn about flute events and concerts happening in our area
- ♪ Receive your own copy of our RFA Newsletter
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Events Calendar

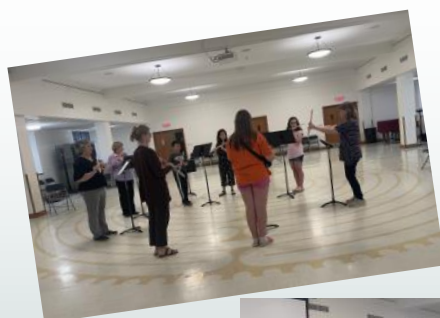
Friday October 20, 2023	7:30 p.m.	RFA Flute Fair Guest Artist Recital Dr. Tim Hagen, flute Ben Corbin, piano	Wilmot Recital Hall Nazareth University 4245 East Avenue Pittsford, NY 14618
Saturday October 21, 2023	9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. <i>Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.</i>	RFA Annual Flute Fair Day	Martha Brown Middle School 665 Ayrault Road Fairport, NY 14450
Sunday October 22, 2023	3:00 p.m.	Finger Lakes Community Band Concertino by Cecile Chaminade Philip Nash, flute soloist	Fort Hill Performing Arts Center 20 Fort Hill Ave, Canandaigua, NY 14424
Friday November 17, 2023	7:30 p.m.	Wilmot Wind Quintet Recital Free and open to the public	Wilmot Recital Hall Nazareth University 4245 East Avenue

Cristina Ballatori– Recital and Masterclass



RFA Board Members
With Cristina Ballatori

Flutopia 2023



Remembering Helen Valenza



March 5, 1932 ~ September 11, 2023

(age 91)

We share the sad news with our members of the passing of Helen Valenza, a beloved and pioneering flutist in Rochester. All of us at the Rochester Flute Association share our deepest condolences with her family. If you would like to attend her services, please see below and follow the web link to view more specific information.

Visitation will be held Friday, September 29 from 3:00-6:00 pm.

Funeral Services will take place on Saturday, September 30 at 11:00 am.

Helen's obituary and service information can be found [here](#)

Classifieds

The Rochester Flute Association has updated their website! Instruments that are currently for sale are listed under the "More" category at www.rfaonline.org

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