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*The RFA proudly presents our spring event:*

## **MASTERCLASS WITH JENNIFER HIGDON**

**3:00-5:00PM**

**Thursday March 27, 2014**

**Messinger One (Eastman School of Music, 10 Gibbs Street, Rochester, NY)**

**Two or three RFA performers (individuals or chamber groups) will be chosen to be coached on music composed by Jennifer Higdon.**

**Deadline to apply: February 28, 2014.**

**Masterclass application form located inside!**

*Pulitzer Prize winner Jennifer Higdon maintains a full schedule of commissions and her music is known for its technical skill and audience appeal. Hailed by *The Washington Post* as "a savvy, sensitive composer with a keen ear, an innate sense of form and a generous dash of pure esprit," she is one of America's most frequently performed composers. As part of the Eastman School of Music's "Women in Music Festival", the RFA is proud to present a masterclass opportunity for RFA members with Jennifer Higdon.\**

\*See <http://www.esm.rochester.edu/wmf/> for a complete Women in Music Festival schedule

# Rochester Flute Association

## Mission

- 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.

## Membership Rates for September 2013-August 2014

Corporate \$80; Contributor \$50; Family \$30; Adult \$20;  
Student \$10

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Deadline for the spring issue is March 15.

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## Letter from the President

Isn't it exciting to start a new year? Here we are in 2014! Before we move too far along, I need to stop for some reflection, and I want to look back at all the music we shared through RFA during 2013. We had Flutopia, masterclasses, pre-solo festival playing, Flute Camp, Flute Choirs, and a terrific Flute Fair! Let's welcome in this new year with enthusiasm. I, for one, anticipate another year with more great fluting.

Here is a ramble on an off-flute topic. It is something that happened to me just before Christmas, and it touched my heart deeply. My online knitting and crochet community keeps me busy looking at patterns, getting stitch help, admiring work of others, and sharing what I make. On an inspiration last summer I undertook to crochet a few "vintage" patterns that were new to me. One was a pretty potholder with three-dimensional petals. It was a familiar fancy shape, because my mother had crocheted the pattern many years ago. Challenging as it was, I conquered the pattern and put up photographs for the community – photos of both mine and my mother's.

Fast forward to some mid-December appreciation. A woman from Maine emailed asking where the pattern came from, and then wrote me: "I copied what your mother had made. I even counted her stitches to make sure I did it right. It came out beautifully and I sent it in a Christmas package to my daughter -- in Japan."

Well, that connection was such as sweet surprise to me! Sure, the internet helps us twenty-first century folks stay in touch. But this was a link to something old. My mother's work was created back in the 1950's, and here it was going on a super share. I am thrilled to see her work inspire a newly created object (a mere potholder),

which traveled across the globe! The crocheting is not done, either. My new-found friend is making two more, for her 80-year-old mom and one for herself. I have thread picked out to make another for me, too.

Flute and music, of course, are what we share through the RFA. The music we create today will inspire others both now and in the future. As we journey through 2014, I hope we all continue to listen, create, and share. Do keep your calendars marked with RFA's 2014 events, and I will see you at all of them!

Happy fluting,

*Sally Ann Hart*



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The Rochester Flute Association is pleased to participate in the Women in Music Festival 2014 Masterclass with Jennifer Higdon

### Flute Masterclass with Jennifer Higdon, Composer and Pulitzer-Prize Winner

Thursday, March 27, 2014 - 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Eastman School of Music, Messinger 1 - 10 Gibbs St., Rochester, NY 14604

#### APPLICATION to PERFORM

- Two or three RFA performers (*individuals or chamber groups*) will be chosen to be coached on music written by Jennifer Higdon.
- Solo pieces written with accompaniment must be performed as such.
- The accompanist must be provided by the applicant if chosen for the masterclass.
- The selection must be "performance-ready."
- Performers over age 13 are eligible and **must be current members of the RFA.**
- Teacher recommendation and contact information is required for applicants in middle or high school.
- All flutists in a chamber group **must be RFA members.**
- Student chamber groups must supply teacher or coach name and contact information.
- RFA will confirm with teachers the high level of preparation for all students.
- See <http://jenniferhigdon.com/chamberworks.html> for a list of flute pieces by Jennifer Higdon.

#### Applications must contain:

1. This APPLICATION form. (*Copies and downloads from the web site are allowed*)
2. Required Application Fee. **Individuals**, \$5.00 - **Chamber groups**, \$5.00 for each member
  - Chosen individual performers will be required to pay an additional \$40.00
  - Chosen chamber groups will pay an additional \$20.00 for each member
3. FEE if joining RFA 2013-14. (Seniors/Students \$10, Adults \$20)

*Chamber groups: Use additional pages to list names (and ages if students) of all members. Use space below giving ONE primary contact person and list all fees on this ONE form.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student age: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone primary: cell \_\_\_\_\_ land \_\_\_\_\_ Phone alt: cell \_\_\_\_\_ land \_\_\_\_\_

**MASTER CLASS category** (circle) Middle School High School Collegiate Adult Ensemble

Title of Piece by Higdon to be performed: \_\_\_\_\_

Accompanist (if known): \_\_\_\_\_ Accomp. E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher name (required of middle & high school students and student ensembles) \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

#### Fees Enclosed:

Masterclass application (\$5.00 individuals; \$5.00 each ensemble member): \$5.00 x \_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

If applicable, RFA 2013-14 Membership: \$10.00 x \_\_\_\_, \$20.00 x \_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

GRAND TOTAL: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

For more information please contact Anne Harrow [alharrow@esm.rochester.edu](mailto:alharrow@esm.rochester.edu)

See <http://www.esm.rochester.edu/wmf/> for complete Women in Music Festival schedule  
[www.rfaonline.org](http://www.rfaonline.org) for RFA materials, registration form and updates

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: Materials must be received by Friday, February 28, 2014**

**Mail to: RFA Masterclass Application  
PO Box 10173, Rochester, NY 14610**

**Performers will be notified by March 8**

# RFA Flute Fair 2013: A Visual Review



Pictures by Angela Possemato. All captions submitted by RFA members who attended!

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“Yoga! I learned some new things, especially on breathing...”  
 “Bring back Yoga for Flutists again next year!”



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“Mark Gowman’s workshop on technique for traditional Irish flute playing...went beyond “learning the tune” and spoke specifically to the flute: the sound, the ornaments and how they are used. It was just what I was looking for in learning Irish music.”

“My middle school students really enjoyed the morning flute choir session. The instructor was enthusiastic, efficient, and fun.”



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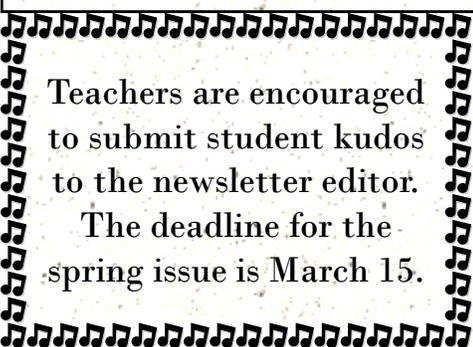
# Kudos!

**9th Grade Students Sarah Alling, Tricia Kenney and Gwen Snyder** participated in the NYSSMA Jr. High Area All State Festival. Sarah, Tricia and Gwen also were chosen for the FLMEA Senior High All County Music Festival, all first flute placements.

**12th Grade Student Flutist Bess Oliver** was selected for the NYSSMA Sr. High Area All State Festival and accepted as an alternate for All State. Bess also was chosen first chair for the FLMEA Senior High All County Music Festival this year.

**10th Grade Student Madison Russell** was selected for Hochstein's Youth Wind Symphony for the January 2014 season, and was chosen for first flute for the FLMEA Senior High All County Music Festival.

All students study with **Laura Lentz**,



Teachers are encouraged to submit student kudos to the newsletter editor.

The deadline for the spring issue is March 15.

## Pre-Solo Festival

For flutists of all levels

Saturday, March 22, 2014

Free of charge

*Fine-tune your skills before the big day!*

*No scores, just comments from a professional flutist.*

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 <b>Events Calendar</b> 			
Thursday, February 13	7:00 p.m.	Hochstein Spotlight on Faculty: Meditation on Love and Roses Allyn Van Dusen, mezzo-soprano Rita George Simmons, flute Paula Bobb, piano	Hochstein Performance Hall Hochstein School of Music 50 N. Plymouth Ave Rochester, NY 14614
Wednesday, March 19	7:00 p.m.	"From the Top" featuring James and Jeanne Galway <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Visit <a href="http://www.wxvi.org">www.wxvi.org</a> for ticket information</li> <li>▪ Use promotion code FTT14 when purchasing ticket</li> </ul>	Kodak Hall Eastman School of Music 26 Gibbs St Rochester, NY 14604
Thursday, March 27	3:00 p.m.	<b>RFA Masterclass with Jennifer Higdon</b>	<b>Messinger Hall            Eastman School of Music            10 Gibbs St            Rochester, NY 14604</b>
Friday, March 28	8:00 p.m.	ESM Women in Music Festival presents: All-Higdon Concert of Solo & Chamber Works	Hatch Recital Hall Eastman School of Music 26 Gibbs St Rochester, NY 14604
Sunday, March 30	2:00 p.m.	<b>RFA Flute Choir Spring Concert</b>	<b>Baptist Temple            1101 Clover St            Rochester, NY 14610</b>
<p><b>Bold face indicates an RFA-sponsored event. Teachers and performers are encouraged to submit events and performances to the newsletter editor. Deadline for the spring issue is March 15.</b></p>			