Rochester Flute Association Flute Fair 2026

Schedule and events subject to change. Workshops and events open to all ages and abilities

Friday, October 16, Nazareth University, 4345 East Avenue, Pittsford NY 14618; Wilmot Recital Hall

Emerging Artist Competition, Final Round: 2:00-3:30 pm (open to the public)

7:30 pm. Guest Artist Recital: Jennifer Grim, flute and Michael Sheppard, piano
Sponsored by Karen Kral in memory of Gerald Kral, with additional support from the Wm. S. Haynes Co.

Opening Remarks by RFA President Korinne Smith. Announcement of the winners of the Emerging Artist Competition and the 2026 James & Marjorie Roth Flute Choir Composition Competition

Saturday, October 17, Martha Brown Middle School, 665 Ayrault Road, Fairport, NY 14450

Registration: 8:30 am - 4:00 pm. Save time by registering online: RFA Membership and Flute Fair Registration Forms or at www.rfaonline.org. Deadline for pre-registration is Friday, October 9, 2026

Exhibits: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm. Come to the exhibit hall and meet some of the finest music industry professionals. Shop for instruments, accessories**,** and don't miss our silent auction (closes at 2:50 pm). Try the instruments and find your dream flute!

Free Mini-Lessons: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. Bring your flute and your questions to a free half-hour lesson with an RFA flute teacher. Sign up at the Fair or reserve your lesson early (recommended). Email mroth1@naz.edu for more information (please put MINI LESSON in the subject line)

9:30 - 11:00 am. Junior Competition (closed to the public)

11:15 am - 12:45 pm. High School Flute Competition (closed to the public)

9:00 - 9:40 am. Workshop: ***Exploring the Legacy of Thomas Nyfenger (1936 - 1990)***. Learn about the life and times of extraordinary flutist and teacher Thomas Nyfenger, author of *Music and the Flute* (pub. 1986). Bring your flutes and try out his ideas on breathing, listening, body-mapping, and basic flute technique. (Sally Ann Hart)

9:50 - 10:30 am. Workshop: ***From Bone to Boehm: The Evolution of the Flute.*** The flute has a long history! Trace the physical development of the instrument over time, and the relationship of those changes to evolving musical styles. Hear musical examples that will deepen your interpretation of our rich repertoire. (Annette Farrington)

10:40 - 11:20 am. Workshop: ***Breathe, Stretch, & Relax With Yoga.*** Take a break in your busy Fair day with certified Yoga instructor Sheri Dumire-Hamilton as she shows us how to relieve the physical tensions and imbalances associated with playing and practicing. All are welcome. No mat required and street clothes are fine.

10:40 - 11:20 am. Workshop: ***ROC Your Routine! Practice Smarter Using Your Own Repertoire.*** In this fun and hands-on workshop, beginning to advanced flutists will learn to build a custom practice session using the repertoire they are already studying as a way to develop technique. Bring your flute and join in the fun! (Alexandra Hine & Erika Marcucci)

11:30 am - 12:20 pm. Beginner Flute Choir Reading Session: Experience the amazing sound of an ensemble of flutes, improve your sight-reading, and make new friends. For beginner-level players. (Denissa Rivas, director)

11:30 am - 12:20 pm. Intermediate/Advanced Flute Choir reading session: Join members of the RFA Flute Choir in reading fun and challenging original compositions and arrangements for Flute Choir. (Annette Farrington, director)

1:15 - 2:45 pm. Guest Artist Masterclass with Jennifer Grim. Open to grades 6-12, collegiate, and adult performers. All are welcome to attend. Sponsored by the Wm. S. Haynes Co. Apply here by Friday, October 2.
Opening with announcement of 2026 Flute Fair Junior and High School Competition winners

3:00 - 3:50 pm. Rochester Artists Showcase Concert. A concert of works honoring the RFA's 30th anniversary and celebrating the creativity of its members and friends.

4:00 - 4:50 pm. Guest Artist Workshop: Join Guest Artist, Jennifer Grim, in a workshop focusing on how to effectively use Marcel Moyse's *Tone Development Through Interpretation*. Sponsored by the Wm. S. Haynes Co.