



Exclusive St. Louis Symphony Orchestra Ticket Offer for FSSL Members!



Mark Saturday, March 23 on your calendar as St. Louis Symphony Principal Flute Mark Sparks performs Christopher Rouse's lyrical Flute Concerto as part of an all-American program with the STL Symphony featuring Copland's rowdy Four Dance Episodes from Rodeo and Bernstein's Serenade. The program at Powell Hall begins at 8pm, and FSSL members have the opportunity to purchase \$15 tickets. Contact David Nischwitz at dnischwitz@gmail.com if interested. Payment will be due one month prior to the concert. Please note this offer is not valid through the STL Symphony Box Office.

Upcoming Events

11.3.12: Chamber Concert, featuring members of FSSL, 2:00p.m., Kirkwood United Church of Christ, 1603 Dougherty Ferry Rd.

3.23.13: St. Louis Symphony featuring Mark Sparks performing Christopher Rouse's *Concerto for Flute*, 8:00 p.m., Powell Hall.

4.13.13: 4th Annual Trivia Night, Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and games will start at 7:00 p.m., Wild Acres Banquet Hall 2500 Ashby Rd., Overland, MO

5.11.13: Flute Day 2013, Registration starts at 8:30 a.m., Dunham Hall, SIU Edwardsville

6.15.13: Member's Concert, 10:30 a.m., Steinway Piano Gallery, 12033 Dorsett Rd.

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Message from the President:

I hope everyone had a wonderful summer and enjoying the cooler weather this fall as you are preparing for marching band competitions and the All-District and State band competitions.

I would like to thank everyone who participated in Flute Day 2012! The feedback that I received from attendees was all positive remarks! I would like to give a special thank you to the FSSL board members for making that event such a success as well as all of the performers and clinicians for contributing their time and expertise for this event. Please join us again for Flute Day 2013 as plans are well underway. This event will be held on Saturday, May 11, 2013 on the campus of SIU Edwardsville. Our featured guest artist for this event is St. Louis Symphony flutist, Jennifer Nitchman. Also, don't forget to mark your calendars for Saturday, March 23, 2013, as Mark Sparks will be performing Christopher Rouse's Concerto for Flute. FSSL members will receive a discounted rate for this concert.



FSSL is currently making plans for our 4th annual Trivia Night scheduled for Saturday, April 13, 2013. Unfortunately, we were unable to raise any money at our last trivia night in June do to lack of attendance. So, please mark your calendars for April 13 and come out and support your organization!

The board is working to prepare an exciting season of fulfilled flute events. Our first event is the Chamber Concert on Saturday, November 3, 2012 at the Kirkwood United Church of Christ at 2:00 p.m. If you are interested in playing on this concert, please email me at slmonier@yahoo.com for more details and to confirm your performance. And, do not forget to attend our end of the year Annual Members' Concert on Saturday, June 15 at 10:30 a.m. at the Steinway Gallery.

As a final word, I would like to welcome new board members Rebekah Watkins and Jalene Huang for this season as well as our new secretary Paula Bernhardt. I would also like to congratulate Jalene Huang for being selected as our new Adult Flute Choir director. She is working on scheduling a busy season for the group; so if you would like to join, do not hesitate to contact her at jalenehuang@gmail.com for more details. I look forward to an exciting season!-----Shelly Monier, President

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FSSL strives to bring high quality and interesting programming to St Louis to benefit the community. As a not-for-profit organization, the expense of providing our programming is always a concern. We rely heavily upon membership fees and donations so that we can continue to bring this caliber of programming to you. Please note that FSSL is a 501(c)(3) organization, and donations that you make will be tax deductible (please consult your tax advisor if you have any questions). We thank you for your support, as your contributions will continue to keep FSSL financially healthy and a strong organization!

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Member Spotlight: *Matthew Allison*

-Why did you choose to play the flute?

The instrument was really chosen for me by my parents... But I think a great question is why I chose to stick with it, as I almost switched instruments or quit several times. But I could never seem to put it down long. I was and still am drawn to the FEELING of playing it - not any music specifically, but the way the instrument vibrates in my fingers, and the sound vibrates through my whole body. I feel like I resonate with the sound.

-When did you begin playing the flute?

I began playing in fifth grade, or 1992, but feel like I'm just now starting to learn it. I had a great start in the Edwardsville, IL, band program, and was lucky to study with some of St Louis' best flute teachers (including Marie Jureit-Beamish, Wendy Hymes, and Erica Day!).

-Do you have any musical highlights you would like to share and/or what is your most notable or personally satisfying accomplishment?

As faculty at the Pennsylvania Academy of Music, I would often times do small performances with my students. On a significant concert, for a ticketed audience, I had two of my high school seniors perform on stage with me. I arranged a version of Boehm's Nel Cor Piu, which at times featured all three of us individually as soloists. I was so proud to see and hear them play, not just as my students, but as my budding colleagues.

When I see the success in my students is really when I step back and say, WOW!

-Do you have a favorite practice routine? Can you describe it?

I like to practice upside down, backwards, inside-out, and any other way I can think to play. By that, I mean I try to practice all of the hard stuff away from the music and in as many variations as I can create - often writing little etudes with tricky runs or making it into something fun to "trick" myself into learning it. I also love scale patterns.

-Describe any other hobbies you have.

When I'm not fluting, I'm either doing yoga or doing something active outdoors. I'm actually a yoga teacher and incorporate a lot of physical consideration in my flute playing and teaching.



-What is your favorite style of music to listen to to perform?

I like music that is programmatic or even literally descriptive, from any period; I find music with dialogue moves me the most.

-Describe your musical background.

I grew up in the Edwardsville school district and was active in the IMEA ensembles, went to college at the University of Louisville, and then on to grad school as a teaching assistant at the University of Kansas. While finishing my DMA, I took a full-time teaching gig at the Pennsylvania Academy of Music, where I also performed with the Harrisburg Symphony, as principal flute of the Lancaster Chamber Orchestra, and as a founding member of the NakedEye New Music Ensemble and the Triune Trio. I then worked for one year at Western Illinois University, which is what brought me back home to be near family and to be my own boss. I now freelance and operate my own music studio.

-Do you have any advice for aspiring flutists?

Take a few minutes to think of what you LOVE about the flute. Write that down and glue it to the inside of your flute case. Say those words OUT LOUD each and EVERY time you take your flute out of the case, before you play a note (it will make each practice more enjoyable). Say them before you put your flute away (especially if you're about to pack up frustrated). Say them before each performance. No musician is perfect - we all have bad days - but remembering why you love to play will make every moment a success and make the process more authentic and personal.

Recent News

--**Renew your membership!**: Membership renewal forms are now available both on the website and in this newsletter. We have some exciting events in the works for this season, you won't want to miss out so renew now! The deadline for the early registration discount is Nov. 10, 2012.

--**New Board Members!**: The Flute Society of Saint Louis is happy to welcome two new board members for the 2012-2013 season. Jalene Huang is joining us as the new Adult Flute Choir Director and as a board member and Rebekah Watkins is joining us as a new board member. We are happy to have all of you and we look forward to working with you!

--**Fall Chamber Concert**: The FSSL will be hosting a fall chamber concert this year on November 3rd. at 2:00p.m., at the Kirkwood United Church of Christ on 1603 Dougherty Ferry Rd. All members are invited and encouraged to perform any chamber piece that involves the flute. Mixed instrumentation groups involving other woodwind instruments or strings and flute are welcome as well as flute duos, trios, quartets, etc. Contact Shelly Monier at slmonier@yahoo.com if you would like to play.

--**Flute Day 2012**: Flute Day 2012 featuring John McMurtery as our guest artist was a huge success! Thanks to all who attended and participated. Also a huge thanks to all who helped run the event and to SIUE for letting us use their facilities!

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Trivia Night!!

The Flute Society of Saint Louis is hosting their 4th annual Trivia Night on Saturday, April 13, 2013 to help raise funds for our upcoming 2013-14 season. This has been a successful fundraiser in the past and hope that all members will participate again. This event will be held at the Wild Acres Banquet Hall located at 2500 Ashby Road in Overland, MO. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. and games will start at 7:00 p.m. Other nightly games will include silent auction items, heads/tails, 50/50 cash game, and musical performances by members of the flute society. Mulligans will be available for purchase as well. Pretzels and punch will be provided, however, players are encouraged to bring their own snacks and non-alcoholic or alcoholic beverages. Tickets will be available for purchase soon and are priced at \$20 a ticket or \$140 for a table of 8. For more details, visit our website at <http://www.flutesocietyofsaintlouis.org>.

**4th Annual
Trivia Night**



Come Join Us For A Night Of Fun And Support For

The Flute Society of Saint Louis

Saturday, April 13, 2013

Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Games start at 7:00 p.m.

Ticket Prices:

Single: \$20.00

Table: \$140.00 (seats 8)

To Reserve tickets, call (636) 375-6205

Pretzels and punch provided
Chamber music performances
May bring own food and beverage
Alcohol allowed this year!!

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50/50 Cash Game
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With St. Louis Symphony Flutist
Jennifer Nitchman



Saturday, May 11, 2013

On the campus of
Southern Illinois University Edwardsville



Flute Society Membership Form September 1, 2012 - August 31, 2013

Please Print Clearly

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____ Age: _____

Occupation: _____ Do You Give Lessons? _____

Please Circle all that apply: New Member Renewal

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