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Flute Notes

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Summer Fun!

It's summer! Time to kick back and enjoy the weather and time off! It's also a great time to practice for upcoming fall auditions and marching band shows. This summer, the nation celebrates our 250th anniversary on July 4th! This summer, the Sunflower Ragtime Orchestra will celebrate with two concerts spotlighting the music of Charles L. Johnson and Scott Joplin -- two of America's greatest composers of ragtime music, an original American art form. See p. 3 for details. There are also two summer events for flutists: the KCFA Annual Flute Marathon on June 13th, and the Kansas Flute Society's Annual Online Summer Competition. See p. 4 for more information about both events. Have a fun summer! Happy 250th!

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Fall Honor Band Audition Information!

Summer is the ideal time to get the audition excerpts under your belt before busy school year activities limit your time. We can work on audition materials during summer lessons. If you are taking time off this summer, you can find audition materials at the links below. You can also find links on my website page:

[Just for Students.](#)

KS John Philip Sousa Junior Honor Band

All audition recordings must be submitted by October 16, 2026.

Music for 2026-27 Sousa Auditions is available! For music and information:

[Kansas Sousa Honor Band 2026-2027](#)

ECKMEA HS District Honor Band Auditions

Live Auditions – Saturday, November 7, 2026, Shawnee Mission North High School

Music requirements for 2026-27 High School District/State Honor Band have been posted. ECKMEA District auditions will follow the KMEA All-State audition requirements, including scales.

[KSMEA All-State 2026-27 Requirements](#)



“Kansas City, The Heart of America”
Harry S. Truman Library & Museum
Independence, Missouri
Parade of Hearts 2026

Fall Flute Lesson Preview

I will send out my 2026 Fall Lesson Schedule in July. Fall lessons will begin the week of August 10th (there are no lessons August 2-9). If you already know you want to keep your current lesson time, you can let me know any time! If I know those current slots are spoken for, it will be easier to let others know what times I have open for fall. More details to come!



Piccolo: The Most Patriotic Instrument!

Do you play piccolo – or maybe want to start? Summer is a great time to brush up on your picc skills! This summer marks the 250th anniversary of the USA – perfect for learning piccolo parts for patriotic music, like the solo in the Sousa march, “Stars & Stripes Forever.” Other great American patriotic music includes “Chester,” “Yankee Doodle,” “The Liberty Bell” march, and lots of other songs. The modern piccolo evolved from the fife, which was used in military bands in the 1600’s through 1800’s. After the Civil War, fifes were replaced by piccolos and became indispensable in military band music. You might say the piccolo is the most patriotic instrument in the band!



Summer Flute Events

KCFA Annual Flute Marathon!

Saturday, June 13, 2026
10:00 am to 2:00 pm
Leawood United Methodist Church
2915 W. 95th Street, Leawood, KS 66206

All ages and abilities are welcome to participate! Sign up for a time in the session of your choice. Each session begins at the top of the hour, with a 10-minute break at the end. Performers and audience members are encouraged to be present for their full block of time to support the other performers.

For more information and to sign up to perform:

[KCFA Annual Flute Marathon](#)

Kansas Flute Society – 7th Annual Summer Competition

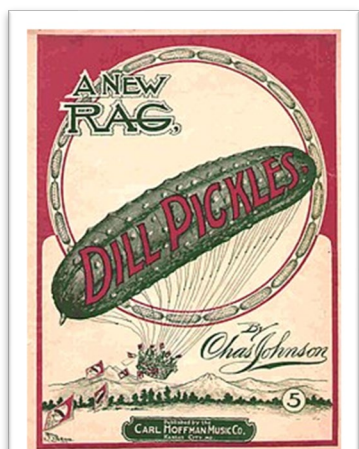
The KS Flute Society announces its 2026 online summer competitions! Entries are due July 25th; winners will be announced August 1st.

Entry categories: Middle School, High School, College, International, and Adult. All entries are C flute only.

Video submissions due by 11:59 pm July 25, 2026

For information and to submit application:

[KFS Summer Flute Competition](#)



Coming Events

Sunflower Ragtime Orchestra Concerts:
“Local Legend – The Music of Charles L. Johnson”

Thursday, June 18, 2026

7:00 pm

Mahaffie Farmstead

1200 E. Kansas City Rd, Olathe, KS

Admission Free

“King of Ragtime – The Music of Scott Joplin”

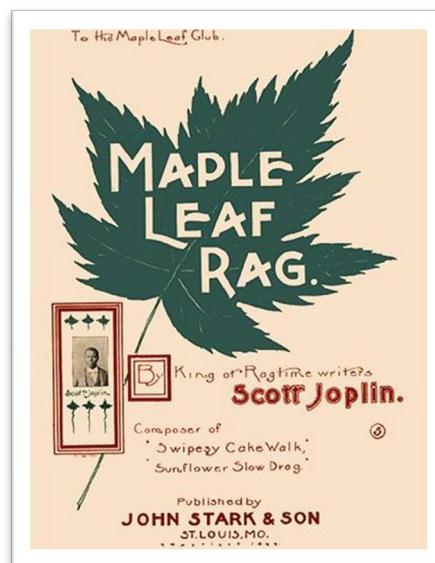
Thursday, July 16, 2026

7:00 pm

Grace United Methodist Church

11485 S. Ridgeview Rd, Olathe, KS

Admission Free





Sunflower Ragtime Orchestra

My ragtime group, the *Sunflower Ragtime Orchestra*, is performing two concerts this summer! We will spotlight two well-known ragtime

composers: **Charles L. Johnson** and **Scott Joplin**. The concerts are scheduled on **June 18th** at **Mahaffie Farmstead**, and **July 16th** at **Grace United Methodist Church**. Both concerts begin at **7 pm**; **admission is free**. At Mahaffie, we expect to be outdoors, so bring a chair! The concert at GUMC will be indoors.

For more information:

<https://www.musicsmiths.net/sro>



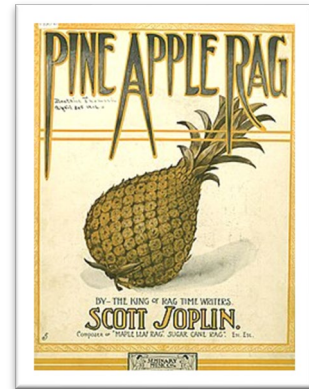
The Sunflower Ragtime Orchestra performs at Mahaffie Stagecoach Stop and Farm Historic Site in Olathe, Kansas.



June/July Lesson Schedule

- ♪ Lessons scheduled June 1 – Aug 1
- ♪ No lessons July 3 - 5
- ♪ No lessons Aug 2 - 9

Please note: My policy is to make up missed lessons if I receive advance notice. Please let me know if you need to reschedule due to camps or vacation plans. No-shows will not be made up.



Composer of the Month

George M. Cohan

b. July 3, 1878

d. November 5, 1942

American composer, lyricist, and entertainer George M. Cohan

began his career performing in a vaudeville act, “The Four Cohans,” with his parents and his

sister. Cohan wrote, composed, and

performed in more than three dozen Broadway musicals and wrote more than 50 shows . He

published over 300 songs, including “Over There,” “Give My Regards to Broadway,” and

“You’re A Grand Old Flag.” Cohan was born on July 3rd, but he often told his audiences he was

“born on the 4th of July,” a lyric from “Yankee Doodle Boy.” Considered the father of American

musical comedy, Cohan’s life and music were depicted in the film *Yankee Doodle Boy*

(1942) and the musical *George M!* (1968).



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