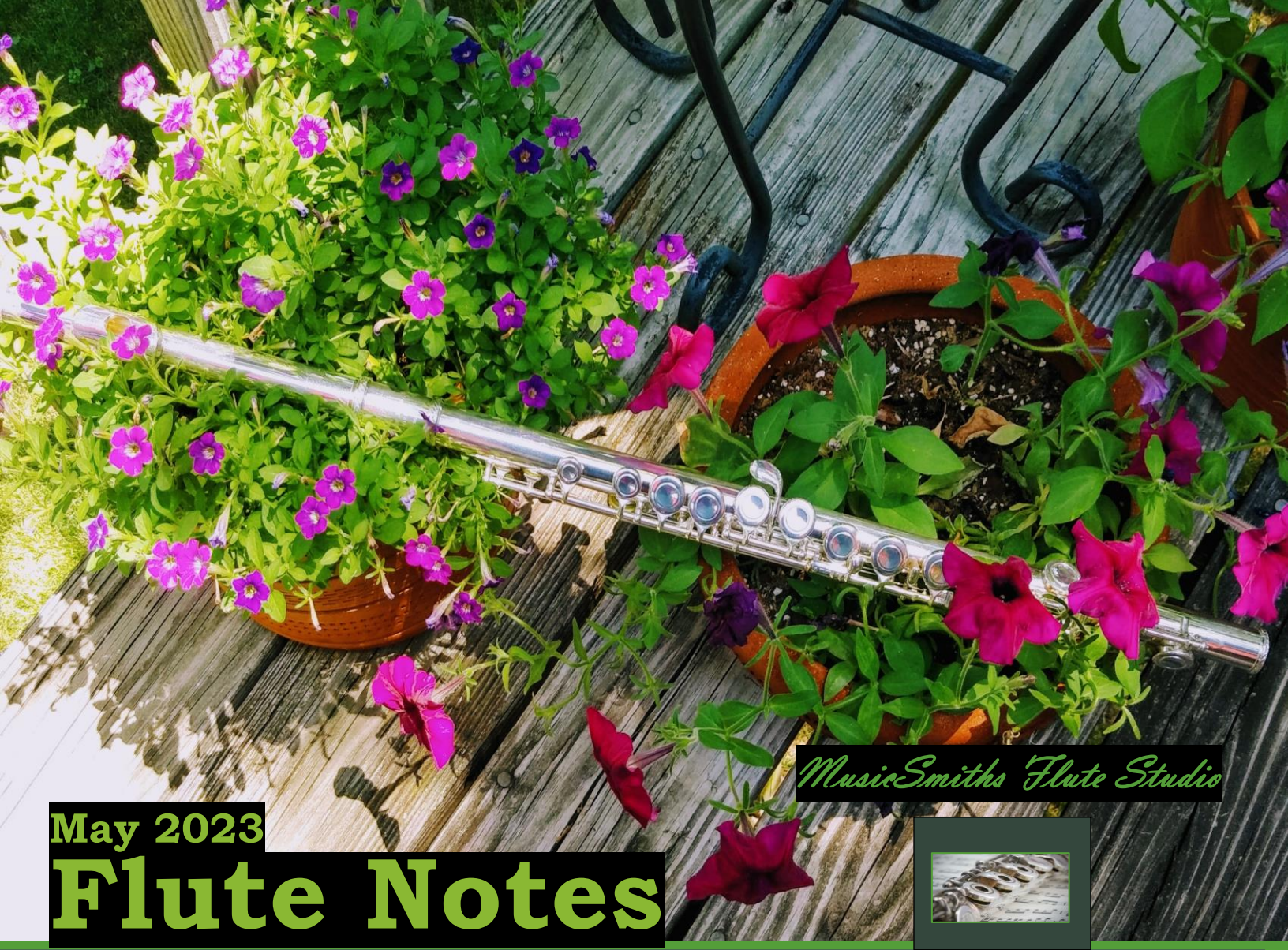

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Almost Summer!

It's hard to believe there are just a few more weeks of school! Time to transition to summer lessons! Again this summer, I'm offering two options for lessons: 1) "Classic" and 2) "Intensive." See p. 2 and the Summer Lesson Request Form/Flier for more information. I need to know your summer lesson plans by May 25th. It's not too early to start working on fall audition music. KMEA District Honor Band and Sousa Honor Band music should be available soon. I'll keep you posted. Also, I invite my students to join me in performing on the KCFA Flute Marathon on June 10th! It's just for fun – you can perform a solo or ensemble. See p. 2 for more information. Have a fun and relaxing summer!

Emily

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Summer Lessons: Two Great Options!

This summer, I'm offering two packages for summer lessons! Both options can work around vacations. Choose the package that suits your schedule:

1) "Classic"
Essentially, it's a continuation of weekly flute lessons, a "whole flute" experience. We can work on fundamentals but also District Band audition material and other solos, duets, etc. Lessons can easily be scheduled around vacations.
Weekly 45-minute lessons: $145/month
Weekly 30-minute lessons: $105/month

2) "Intensive"
This package is concentrated into four 60-minute lessons scheduled throughout the summer at your preference. It's an option for students who want to take summer lessons but have limited availability due to vacations and other activities. "Intensive" lessons are designed to focus on a specific goal, i.e. prepping for District Band auditions, maybe learning piccolo, or anything else the student wants to work on.
Four 60-minute lessons: $105/month
or $210/summer session

There will be no lessons May 28 – June 4; July 1 -8. **Summer lessons will begin on June 5 and continue until August 3**. Fall lessons will begin in mid-August when school resumes.

Emily

KCFA Flute Marathon June 10, 2023

The Kansas City Flute Association's annual Flute Marathon will take place on Saturday, June 10, 2023, 10 am to 3 pm, Second Presbyterian Church, 319 E. 55th Street, KCMO. All ages and levels of ability are warmly welcomed to participate. Performances will begin at the top of each hour and include a ten-minute break at the end. I'm inviting my students to perform between 12 and 2 pm! You can play a solo or an ensemble, including a duet with me if you like. Soloists will need to provide their own accompanists, so be sure to check the date and time with yours before signing up! Current KCFA members will receive an email with sign-up details (student membership is $20 per year). Non-members can sign up starting May 15th; non-member participation fee is $10. Let me know if you'd like to perform with me or other students!

For more information:
KCFA Flute Marathon

Sign Up for Summer Flute Lessons!

I'm accepting requests for summer lesson times! See separate summer lesson flier and request form. Please let me know which package you want – *"Classic"* or *"Intensive"* (descriptions on this page) – and give me **three** day/time preferences, plus dates you will be out of town. If you do not plan to take lessons during the summer, please let me know so I know which time slots I will have available. I can't hold times until the fall. I will send out fall lesson information in late July. You can phone/text your request to me or email.
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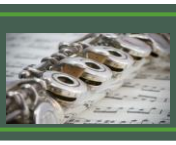


Congratulations to State Solo & Ensemble Performers!!

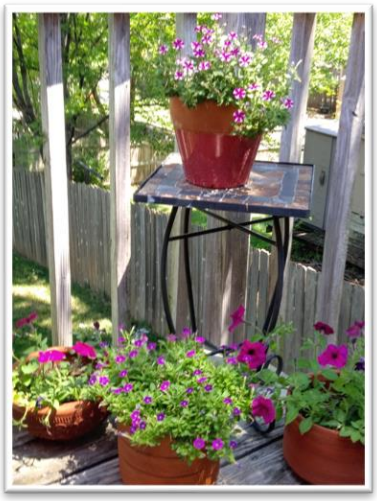
Several MusicSmiths Flute Studio students received 1 ratings at the Regional Solo & Ensemble events in early April, earning them the opportunity to perform at **State Solo & Ensemble Festivals** on April 29, 2023!

***Keira Blattel*, Sr, Spring Hill High School**

***Ella Novion*, Jr, Olathe Northwest High School**

***Darby Wade*, Fr, Olathe Northwest High School**

Applause all around for well-deserved honors!



Coming Events

KCFA Flute Marathon
June 10, 2023
Place: Second Presbyterian Church, 318 E. 55th Street, Kansas City, MO 64113

The Sunflower Ragtime Orchestra
"Batter Up!"
June 29, 2023
7:00 pm
Mahaffie Stagecoach Stop-Farm
1200 E. Kansas City Road
Olathe, KS 66061

The Sunflower Ragtime Orchestra
"College Days"
July 29, 2023
7:00 pm
Mahaffie Stage Coach Stop-Farm
1200 E. Kansas City Road
Olathe, KS 66061

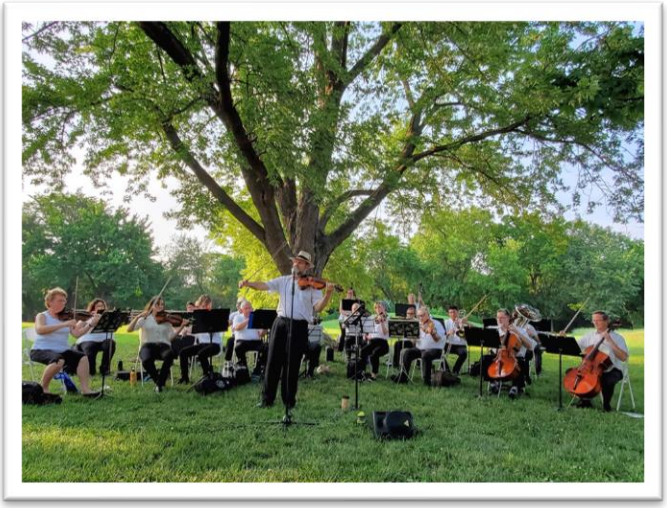
Fall Audition Information:

ECKMEA HS District Honor Band Auditions
Music requirements for 2023-24 HS District/State Honor Band are posted! The requirements this year are quite different from years past. For requirements:
KMEA All-State Audition Materials

Kansas Sousa Honor Band 2023-2024 audition information will be posted the first week of May. Check **here** for audition materials.

Ragtime at Mahaffie Stagecoach Stop-Farm

This summer I will be performing two concerts with the Sunflower Ragtime Orchestra at Mahaffie Stagecoach Stop-Farm, 1200 E. Kansas City Rd, Olathe, KS. The performances are at 7:00 pm, Thursdays June 29th and July 27th; admission is free! We will perform authentic ragtime music from the early 20th century. This year's themes: "Batter Up!" and "College Days." Bring a folding chair, water, and a snack (and a mask) and enjoy some fun music on the lovely grounds of the farmstead. Come early and take part in Mahaffie's "Family Fun Night" activities! See you there!



May Lesson Schedule

- **Lessons scheduled as usual**
- **No lessons May 28-June 4**
- **Summer lessons begin June 5**

My policy is to make up missed lessons if I receive advance notice. No-shows will not be made up.

Composer of the Month

William Grant Still

b. May 11, 1895
d. December 3, 1978
Often referred to as the "Dean of Afro-American composers," William Grant Still is considered to be a part of the Harlem Renaissance – a revival of African-American music, art, dance, literature, theater, and scholarship, spanning the 1920's-1930's. He was the first American to have an opera produced by the New York City Opera, and the first African-American to conduct a major symphony orchestra. His nearly 200 works include five symphonies, four ballets, nine operas, plus choral works, chamber music, and works for solo instruments. Works for flute include *Summerland for Flute and Piano*, *Three Songs for Flute and Piano*, and *Prelude for Flute, String Quartet, and Piano*.

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