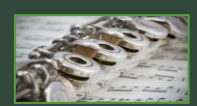




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Looking Forward to Summer!

Wow, this past school year flew by! This time last year, I was still teaching all lessons online and hoping to return to in-person lessons in the fall. Happily, we were able to do just that, and it has worked quite successfully all year! Thanks so much for your flexibility this past year! This summer, I'm offering two options for lessons: 1) "Classic" – a continuation of weekly lessons, and 2) "Intensive" – four 60-minute lessons scheduled at your preference, designed to focus on a particular goal. Please see p. 2 and the Summer Lesson Request Form/Flier for more information. I need to know your summer lesson plans by May 25th. Thanks so much -- 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 29 – June 5; I normally take a week off starting on Memorial Day. Summer lessons will begin on June 6 and continue until August 1. I will take the first two weeks of August off and plan to start my fall schedule in mid-August.

Emily

KCFA Flute Marathon June 11, 2022

The Kansas City Flute Association Flute Marathon concert returns in June 2022! All ages and levels of ability, from new players through adult professionals, are warmly welcomed to participate. Performances will begin at the top of each hour and include a ten-minute break at the end. Since support for each other is an important part of this event, performers and audience members are encouraged to be present for the full block of time for which a performer registers. Soloists will need to provide their own accompanists, so be sure to check the date and time with yours before signing up! We'd also love to have chamber pieces performed. More information will be shared closer to the event. Performers must be members of KCFA. Student membership fee: \$20/year.

For more information:

<https://kcfa.wildapricot.org/events>



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.

Ph/Text: 913-909-3025

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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 30, 2022!

Keira Blattel, Jr, Spring Hill High School

Hannah Chong, Jr, Blue Valley North High School

McKinley Hunter, Fr, Olathe Northwest High School

Rebecca McCreight, Sr, Spring Hill High School

Ella Novion, Soph, Olathe Northwest High School

Nathaniel Vanhooser, Fr, Olathe Northwest High School

Applause all around for well-deserved honors!



Coming Events

KCFA Flute Marathon

June 11, 2022

Place: TBD

See p. 2 for details

The Sunflower Ragtime Orchestra

“Giddy Up!”

June 23, 2022

7:00 pm

Mahaffie Stagecoach Stop-Farm

1200 E. Kansas City Road

Olathe, KS 66061

The Sunflower Ragtime Orchestra

“Christmas in July”

July 28, 2022

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 2022-23 HS District/State Honor Band have been posted! Please note the new scale sheets:

<https://ksmea.org/hsband/excerpts/>

I also have my own practice guides for the audition pieces. I will hand them out to my students and post links on my website.

Kansas Sousa Honor Band 2022-2023 audition information has yet to be posted. I will share the link on my website when it's available!



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 23rd and July 28th; admission is free! We will perform authentic ragtime music from the early 20th century. This year's themes: "Giddy Up!" and "Christmas in July." 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 29-June 5
- ♪ Summer lessons begin June 6

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



Composer of the Month

Meredith Willson

b. May 18, 1902

d. June 15, 1984

American flutist, composer, conductor, musical arranger, band leader, playwright, and



author – Meredith Willson is best known for writing the book, music, and lyrics for the Broadway musical *The Music Man* (1957). Willson was born in Mason City, IA (the inspiration for the fictional town, River City, IA, in *The Music Man*). A flute and piccolo virtuoso, Willson was a member of John Philip Sousa's band as well as the New York Philharmonic Orchestra. He was twice Oscar-nominated for his film scores. He also wrote "It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas" and the University of Iowa fight song. His classical compositions include *A Suite for Flute* and *Idyllwild*.



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