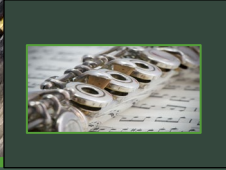




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Almost Summer!

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 22nd. 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. On Sunday, May 3rd, the Olathe Community Orchestra will feature our 2026 HS Scholarship Winner, violinist Zach Rephlo, on our "Rituals" concert. It will be a fun concert, and it's free! See p. 3 for details.

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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: \$150/month


Weekly 30-minute lessons: \$110/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., preparing for District Band auditions, learning piccolo, or anything else the student wants to work on.

Four 60-minute lessons: \$110/month

or \$220/summer session

 I will be teaching my summer lesson schedule **June 1 through August 1, 2026.**

 **There are no lessons May 22- 31; August 2-9.**

 My fall lesson schedule will begin mid-August, 2026, when school resumes.



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. Please let me know by **May 22nd**.

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Fall Audition Information:

ECKMEA HS District Honor Band Auditions
Music requirements for 2026-27 HS District/State Honor Band are posted! For requirements: [KSMEA All-State Auditions](#)

Kansas Sousa Honor Band 2026-2027 audition information will be posted in May. Check [here](#) for audition materials.

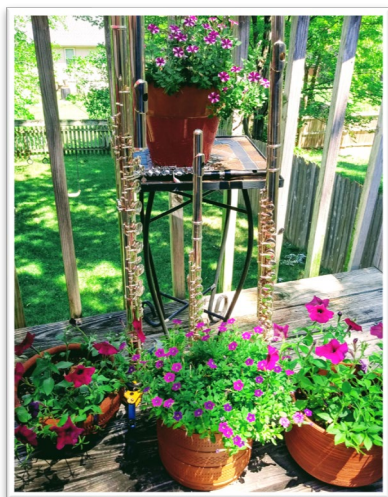


Congratulations to Regional and State Solo & Ensemble Performers!!

Several MusicSmiths Flute Studio students participated in the KSHSAA Regional Solo & Ensemble Festival this spring. **Isabella Andree**, **Parker Griffiths**, and **Darby Wade** received I ratings, earning them a trip to State Solo & Ensemble Festival.

Isabella Andree, Senior, Spring Hill High School, received I ratings at both Regional & State Solo/Ensemble Festivals. Congratulations!

Applause all around for all participants!



Coming Events

KC Flute Choir Concert

“A Flamboyance of Flamingos”

Sunday, May 3, 2026

2:00 pm

Holy Cross Lutheran Church

7851 W. 119th St., Overland Park, KS

Admission free

Olathe Orchestra Concert: “Rituals”

Featuring OCO 2026 HS Scholarship Winner

Zach Rephlo, violin

Sunday, May 3, 2026

3:00 pm

Grace United Methodist Church

11485 S. Ridgeview Rd, Olathe, KS

Admission free; reception at intermission

Program: Andante from Mendelssohn’s *Violin Concerto in E minor*, plus works by De Falla, Mozart, Rimsky-Korsakov, and Walton.



It's Rag-Time Again This Summer!

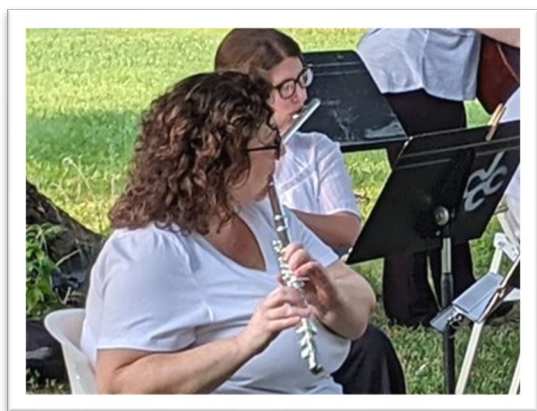
Every summer I look forward to performing with the **Sunflower Ragtime Orchestra**! This summer, we will play two concerts:

“Local Legend” featuring the music of Charles L. Johnson
Thursday, June 18, 2026, 7:00 pm
Mahaffie Farmstead, 1200 E. Kansas City Rd, Olathe, KS

“King of Ragtime” featuring the music of Scott Joplin
Thursday, July 16, 2026, 7:00 pm
Grace United Methodist Church, 11485 S. Ridgeview Rd,
Olathe, KS

Both concerts are free and open to the public. Come on out!

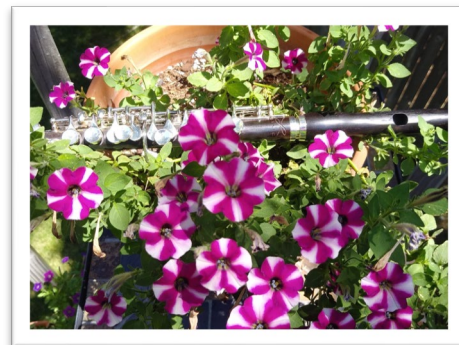
For information: [Sunflower Ragtime Orchestra](#)



May Lesson Schedule

- ♪ Lessons scheduled as usual
- ♪ No lessons May 22-May 31
- ♪ Summer lessons begin June 1

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



Composer of the Month Charlotte Blake

b. May 30, 1885

d. August 21, 1979

American composer Charlotte Blake, born in Ohio, was the oldest of six children. A prolific composer of ragtime tunes, she began her professional music career at the age of 18 as a clerk and later staff writer, arranger, and music demonstrator for the Jerome H. Remick music publishing company. *That Poker Rag*, *The Gravel Rag*, and *The Wishbone* are some of the best known of her 35-plus rags, marches, and waltzes. Her last rag, *That Tired Rag*, was published in 1911. Having married in 1910, Blake spent the next 20 years working as a clerk for the Douglas Aircraft Company. Charlotte Blake's music reached new audiences when ragtime pianist Max Morath recorded it on his album, *The Ragtime Women*, in the 1970s.



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