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*Midsummer Check-in*

How's your summer going so far? I'll bet it's a lot better than last summer! After more than a year wearing masks, social distancing, and other precautions during the COVID-19 pandemic, things are finally starting to get back to normal, thanks to the arrival of vaccines this past spring. By mid-May, the vaccine was approved for kids aged 12 and older – great news for private lesson studios! I'm easing into resuming in-person lessons this summer and hoping we can all return to in-person lessons when school starts. Still, we'll need to remain vigilant See p. 2 for my statement regarding returning to in-person lessons safely. In the meantime, I hope you're enjoying your summer and keeping up with practicing so you'll be ready for what promises to be a back-to-normal school year. Happy July 4<sup>th</sup>!

*Emily*

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## ***Fall Lessons: In-Person & Online***

Now that kids ages 12-15 are eligible to be vaccinated, I'm open to resuming in-person lessons this summer and in the fall with students who are fully vaccinated, as per [CDC Guidelines](#).

I understand some of my students may be waiting to get the vaccine for various reasons. Each family has to decide the best way to proceed for their situation. If you do not feel ready to resume in-person lessons, I completely understand. No worries! We can continue having our lessons online.

For those who have begun the vaccination process or expect to in the coming weeks, we can plan to resume in-person lessons (when you are ready) under the following conditions:

***1) In-person students must be fully vaccinated, i.e. 2 weeks past last dose.***

***No masks required.***

My husband, violin/viola teacher Steven Smith, and I are fully vaccinated. We both teach private lessons in our house, which means we will have flute and violin/viola students here simultaneously. To ensure the safety of all of our students, we feel it's essential that all parties have been vaccinated for in-person lessons.

***2) For the time being, only students will be admitted inside the house for lessons.***

At this time, we are asking parents to either drop off their students at their lesson time and return to pick them up at the end of the lesson or wait in the car. We feel it's best for everyone's safety to limit the number of people in the house at any one time.

***3) Please text me when you arrive for the lesson.***

I will meet you at the door. At the end of the lesson, you may leave if your parent is here or wait inside the front door for them to return.

***4) Students, please use hand sanitizer when you come in.*** It will be located on the table just inside the front door.

## ***Fall Flute Lesson Preview***

***Later this month, I will send out my 2021 Fall Lesson Schedule. Fall lessons will begin the week of August 16th (there are no lessons August 1-15). In-person lessons will be available to students who are fully vaccinated; I will also offer lessons online. 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!***



As we ease into in-person lessons, we realize we will have to make some adjustments -- not only the safety protocols listed above, but also having flute and violin lessons going on at the same time! Most of you have probably heard some violin sounds in the background during our Zoom lessons, so it won't be that much of a change.

Thanks so much for your patience and flexibility! Please let me know if your student is planning to be vaccinated or already has been -- and, if so, if you would like to switch to in-person lessons. In the meantime, we'll still keep Zoom as a backup in case we need to reschedule.



## Summer Virtual Flute Competition!

KS Flute Society Online Summer Competitions!

**Video submissions due by 11:59 pm July 18, 2021**

For information and to submit application:

<https://www.ksflute.org/summer-flute-competition>

Free to members of KFS! Student membership: \$15

Featuring the following competitions and prizes:

**Middle School Students**

*Melodious & Progressive Studies, Book 1, p.19: C*

*Major etude "Allegretto" by Kohler*

First Place: \$50

Second Place: \$30

Third Place: \$20

**High School Students**

*Selected Studies by H. Voxman, p.57: Eb minor etude*

*"Allegretto Vivo" by Kohler*

First Place: \$75

Second Place: \$50

Third Place: \$25

**College Students**

*Any published unaccompanied solo for C flute, piccolo, alto flute, or bass flute*

First Place: \$100

Second Place: \$75

Third Place: \$50

**Helianthus Prize: Awarded to top KS Flutist in each category**

College: \$50; High School: \$25; Middle School: \$25



Next Month: Combined **August-September** issue of *Flute Notes* will feature fall lesson information as well as fall flute events. Stay tuned!



## Coming Events

KS Flute Society Online Summer Competition

**Video submissions due by 11:59 pm July 18, 2021**

Competition open to middle school, high school, and college flute students. For information on audition materials, registration, and submission guidelines:

<https://www.ksflute.org/summer-flute-competition>

**Sunflower Ragtime Orchestra Concert: "Under the Big Top"**

Family Fun Night

Thursday, July 22, 2021

7:00 pm

Mahaffie Stage Coach Stop & Farm Historic Site

1200 E. Kansas City Road, Olathe, KS

Admission free – bring a chair!

For more information:

[Mahaffie Farmstead Family Fun Night](#)



## Fall Honor Band Audition Information

**KS John Philip Sousa Junior Honor Band**

Music for 2021-22 Sousa Auditions is available! For music and information:

<http://ks-sousahonorband.org/>

**ECKMEA HS District Honor Band Auditions**

Music requirements for 2021-22 HS

District/State Honor Band have been posted:

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

*I also have my own practice guides for the audition pieces; I will email them to my students.*

**\*Note: Links to Sousa and District Band info, materials, and recordings are posted on [my website](#).**





### Sunflower Ragtime Orchestra to Perform at Mahaffie Farmstead Family Fun Night July 22, 2021

My ragtime group, the *Sunflower Ragtime Orchestra*, is performing this summer at Mahaffie Farmstead! We'll be playing indoors in the Heritage Center— maintaining proper social distancing – at **7:00 pm on Thursday, July 22nd**. The concert is part of Mahaffie's "Family Fun Nights," which are free and open to the public. There's plenty of room to be safe, plus it's indoors. The SRO will play familiar works from the ragtime era – fun music! I'll be playing piccolo and flute – maskless! For more information: [Mahaffie Farmstead Family Fun Night](#)



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

### July Lesson Schedule

- ♪ *Lessons scheduled as usual*
- ♪ *No lesson Saturday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>*
- ♪ *Summer Lessons end July 31st*

**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.



### George M. Cohan

b. July 3, 1878

d. November 5, 1942

Although he was born on July 3<sup>rd</sup>, American composer & entertainer George M. Cohan and his family always insisted he was "born on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July." Cohan began his career performing with his family in vaudeville shows as "The Four Cohans." Considered the "father of American musical comedy," he composed and produced more than three dozen Broadway musicals. Cohan also composed and published more than 300 popular songs during his lifetime, including "Over There," "Give My Regards to Broadway," "Yankee Doodle Boy," and "You're a Grand Old Flag" – all still popular today, often staples in school band arrangements. His life and music were depicted in the Oscar-winning 1942 film, *Yankee Doodle Dandy* and the 1968 musical *George M!*



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