



July 2020

# Flute Notes

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## *100 Days and Counting . . .*

As I write this on June 20<sup>th</sup>, I realize that today is the **Summer Solstice** – the first day of summer and the longest day of the year! Yet it doesn't seem any longer than the last 100 days. That's right – it has been *100 days* since March 13<sup>th</sup>, when Spring break began a day early as COVID-19 forced a quarantine from which we've just begun to emerge. Conditions are constantly changing and will continue to do so as our community re-opens and we acclimate ourselves to new routines. With that in mind, I'm publishing separate newsletters for the months of July and August, instead of combining them as in the past. Because the situation is in flux and we still don't have a clear idea of how the school year will look, I will wait until late July/early August to set my fall lesson schedule. In the meantime, I feel it's prudent to continue flute lessons online through the rest of July. I will keep you posted!

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## New Stuff for Students!

Have you visited the MusicSmiths Flute Studio website lately? I've been updating it over the last few weeks, and there are lots of new features! Check out these newly redesigned and renamed pages:

### Just For Students

Practice guides and videos for District Band and Sousa Band auditions; links to fun and informative flute websites and videos; studio file cabinet links for flute repair, flute sales, music purchases, and more; plus the current Flute Notes newsletter.

<https://www.musicsmithsflutestudio.com/just-for-students>

### Get Involved!

Links to performance outlets and organizations for flute students; information on virtual band camps, flute workshops, and other online educational flute opportunities.

<https://www.musicsmithsflutestudio.com/awesome-flute-stuff>



### Dropbox Folders

I have set up a dropbox folder for each of my students! I emailed a share invite to each student. If you need me to resend it, let me know. Your dropbox folder includes a handy online lesson guide plus any etudes, solos, or other music students are currently working on that is not in your lesson books. The dropbox folder is a convenient way to keep all of these materials in one place so you don't have to search your inbox for emailed files!

### Where to Order Music?

Some of my students are ready for new books or other music. Here are my top recommended sources for ordering music for your lessons:

[FluteWorld.com](http://FluteWorld.com)

[SheetMusicPlus.com](http://SheetMusicPlus.com)

[JWPepper.com](http://JWPepper.com)

[CarolynNussbaumMusic](http://CarolynNussbaumMusic)

## Fall Flute Lessons?

*Wondering about the fall flute lesson schedule? So am I! Because the COVID situation is constantly changing, I'm waiting a few more weeks to determine my schedule. I'll be taking a lot of factors into consideration. Summer lessons will end July 31<sup>st</sup>; there are no lessons August 1-16. Fall lessons will start when the school year resumes. Stay tuned!*

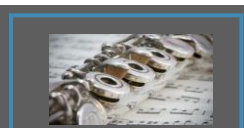


### MusicSmiths Flute Studio on Nextdoor!

*Hey Students and Parents!! I have created a MusicSmiths Flute Studio business page on **Nextdoor**! I would be honored if you would head over to the page and write a recommendation for the flute studio.*

*Thanks so much for your support!*

<https://nextdoor.com/.../musicsmiths-flute-studio-.../recommend/>



## Summer Virtual Flute Activities: Check It Out!

### KS Flute Society Online Summer Competitions!

**Deadline for submissions: July 12, 2020**

For information and to submit application:

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

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

*Featuring the following competitions and prizes:*

#### Middle School Students

Certificates for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place!

#### High School Students

First Place: \$50 Flutistry Gift Card

Second Place: \$30

Third Place: \$20

#### College Students

First Place: \$50 Flutistry giftcard + \$25

Second Place: \$50

Third Place: \$25



### National Flute Association Summer Series

July 26 – August 14, 2020

Cost: \$75 for Non-members; \$30 for Student Members; \$50 for Adult Members of NFA (*Non-members will need to create an NFA account in order to register but will not need to purchase a membership.*)

The NFA Summer Series is a month and a half of dynamic, interactive programming for flutists around the world. While it can't replace the convention, the Summer Series is an opportunity for more of us than ever to connect through our shared love of flute. It's like a mini convention . . . online!

For info, schedule, and to register, click below:

<http://www.nfaonline.org/community/events/the-nfa-summer-series>



## Coming Events

### KS John Philip Sousa Junior Honor Band

Music for 2020-21 Sousa Auditions is available!

For music and information:

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

### ECKMEA HS District Honor Band Auditions

Music requirements for HS District/State Honor Band have been posted: <https://ksmea.org/hsband/excerpts/>

*I also have my own practice guides for the audition pieces; link to my website below.*

*\*Note: Links to Sousa and District Band info and materials are also posted on my website. Go to the \*new\* "Just for Students" page:*

<https://www.musicsmithsflutestudio.com/just-for-students>

Looking for a Band Camp experience? It's not too late! Ft. Hays State University is offering its *High Plains Music Camp* online this summer . . . for FREE! Click on the link below for details.

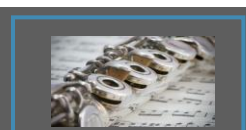
### Ft. Hays State University High Plains Music Camp (Virtual)

July 12-17, 2020

**FREE!**

For information and registration, click below:

<https://www.fhsu.edu/music-and-theatre/musiccamp/>





## Sunflower Ragtime Orchestra to Perform at Mahaffie Farmstead Family Fun Nights 6/25 and 7/30

My ragtime group, the *Sunflower Ragtime Orchestra*, has been invited to perform

twice this summer at Mahaffie Farmstead! We'll be playing outdoors – maintaining proper social distancing – at **7:00 pm on Thursdays June 25<sup>th</sup> and July 30<sup>th</sup>**, weather permitting. Both dates are 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 outdoors. I recommend wearing a mask and bringing your own chair. The SRO will play familiar works from the ragtime era – fun music! I'll be playing piccolo and flute . . . with my Wind-D-Fender! For more information: <https://www.mahaffie.org/>



## July Lesson Schedule

- ♪ Lessons scheduled as usual
- ♪ **No lesson Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup>**  
**All lessons will be taught online until further notice**

**Please note:** All lessons will be taught online through July. I will announce my fall lesson schedule by early August. My policy is to make up missed lessons if I receive advance notice. No-shows will not be made up.



## Composer of the Month

Gordon Jacob

b. July 5, 1895

d. June 8, 1984

English composer and teacher, author of four books and many articles about music. His output includes more than 700 original compositions or arrangements of existing music. Jacob served in WWI and was taken prisoner in 1917. He studied a harmony textbook in the prison camp library and began composing, writing for an orchestra of his fellow prisoners with assorted instruments. His best known works for flute are the *Concerto for Flute and Strings* (1952) and *The Pied Piper* (1958), an unaccompanied work in two movements: "The Spell" (solo flute) and "March to the River Weser" (solo piccolo).



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