

# Flute Association at Florida State University Newsletter



## Greetings from Professor Amsler

**W**elcome and more....  
It is every year exciting to come back to school and see all the new students as well as the returning ones and observe the progress they made! But this year is even more special. We welcome the additional new Flute Professor Dr. Karen Large!

After teaching the huge FSU flute studio for 17 years by myself and always regretting that I was not able to give more than one semester of lessons to nonperformance major undergrad students, this is a wonderful change for all of us! We will have two teachers but one studio. It gives the students the chance to learn from both of us; it expands the possibilities in a beautiful way. We are really excited to see a lot unfolding already in the short amount of time and curious for the things to come to shape this new path of the FSU flute studio.

We also have a newly created Low Flute class. It will alternate with the Piccolo class, already established a few years ago - Low Flutes in the fall, Piccolo in the spring. And, not to forget - FSU College of Music will finally own a Contra Bass Flute by the end of the spring semester!

There are so many good things happening at FSU - I am very happy and so grateful! In this spirit, let's enjoy the rest of the semester with the FSU flute studio and share what we can with colleagues, peers, friends and family. We invite you to attend our events and recitals and I am looking forward to meeting you in person!

Yours,  
Eva Amsler

P.S.

Please mark your calendar for the *FSU Flute Summit: The 21<sup>st</sup> Century Musician* March 1-3, 2019 with Paul Edmund-Davies, Stephanie Jutt, Eckart Altenmueller, Angelita Floyd and Frank Diaz. More about this in the next Newsletter. It will be very exciting, including a master class competition, lectures about entrepreneurship, music and medicine, mindful teaching and learning as well as recitals, master classes and a flute choir event.

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FSU Flutists after the University Wind Orchestra concert this September

## Introducing Dr. Large

Assistant Professor of Flute Karen McLaughlin Large teaches flute lessons, flute ensemble, low flutes, Baroque flute, and Wind and Percussion Pedagogy at the FSU College of Music. Dr. Large is passionate about helping students navigate their unique paths in the music world. She does this in her lessons and classes through activities in areas such as music entrepreneurship, audition and competition preparation, community outreach, and grant-writing. Dr. Large previously served as Associate Professor of Flute and Music Theory at Kansas State University.

Dr. Large enjoys performing in concerto, solo, chamber, and large ensemble settings. She plays regularly with Traverso Colore: Baroque Flute Ensemble, Tornado Alley Flutes, and the Florida Flute Orchestra. She also previously performed with the Konza Wind Quintet, Topeka Symphony

Orchestra, Tallahassee Symphony Orchestra, Northwest Florida Symphony Orchestra, and Pensacola Symphony Orchestra. As a guest artist, she has enjoyed performing and teaching at universities in Kansas, Oklahoma, Missouri, Nebraska, Tennessee, and Florida.

Dr. Large's research interests include flute transcriptions of Romantic music, creation of the world's first Virtual Flute Choirs, Baroque flute performance practice, and the intersection of music theory and flute performance. In Spring 2018 she released her first solo CD which featured her original transcriptions, entitled, "String to Silver: Flute Transcriptions of Works in the Romantic Tradition." Dr. Large regularly performs and presents her research at national and international conferences.

She earned her DM, MM, and BM degrees at Florida State University studying with Eva Amsler, Stephanie Jutt, and Joshua Carter.



## Florida State at the National Flute Convention

By Deborah Tien

This August, the FSU Flute Choir and the Raines Ensemble were invited to perform at the National Flute Association Annual Convention in Orlando. The FSU Flute Choir consists of flute players from the FSU flute studio to flute players outside of the studio at FSU; the Raines Ensemble is comprised of current FSU graduate students. The FSU Flute Choir performed both by themselves and with the greater Festive Florida Flute Choir, a combination ensemble made up of a number of the Sunshine State's student, amateur, and professional choirs. The Raines



Composer Nicole Chamberlain (whose work, *Chivy*, was performed by Festive Florida Flutes) with Alan Berquist and Professor Amsler

Ensemble also performed on a concert featuring flute choirs from other colleges: the Frost Flute Ensemble from the University of Miami, and the University of Central Florida Flute Knights. They had the honor of premiering *Into the Eternal* by Robert Raines, a piece the group later recorded for the composer and that will soon appear on his upcoming CD.

Thanks to its location in our home state, this NFA felt extra friendly and closer to home, both literally and figuratively. We had a terrific time and look forward to our next NFA performance!



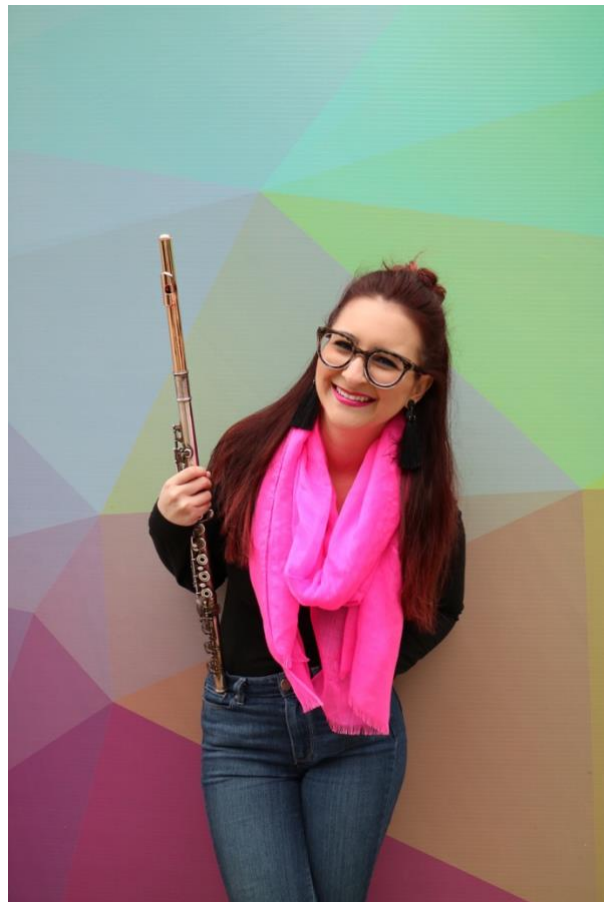
The Festive Florida Flutes, including members from the FSU Flute Choir

## Nicole Riccardo's Visit to FSU

By Elizabeth Laird

This past September, FSU alumni and entrepreneur, Nicole Riccardo, joined the FSU Flute Studio to discuss important elements of building one's own brand. The process she laid out for the studio was less a formula, and more a series of questions and guided soul searching that she goes through with her clients as a social media and branding consultant, the result of which is to help others determine both the core values and stylistic elements they want the world to view in them. One's brand is a powerful tool for both entrepreneurs and performers alike, so it was an excellent opportunity to learn from someone who has put so much work into understanding it.

After receiving her Master's Degree in Flute Performance, Nicole found herself working in the medical field to get by and struggling with the sudden absence of music within her life. Hard work and research into the fields of marketing and branding allowed her to build a career for herself, which includes helping others to do the same as well as teaching and performing music. Within the next six months, she will release an online course that will include information on a variety of skills important to the 21<sup>st</sup> Century musician, such as branding, building a website, using social media as a marketing tool, networking, creating contacts, and invoicing. For those of you interested in learning more about Nicole, visit her website at [www.nicolericcardo.com](http://www.nicolericcardo.com).



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## The Flute Association's Recent Fundraisers!

The posters below advertise recent fundraisers held by the Flute Association at Florida State University to support the organization and future outreach opportunities within the greater community of Tallahassee and surrounding areas. Should you like to donate to the Flute Association at FSU, please contact one of our fundraising chairs, Aubrey Mount ([am16c@my.fsu.edu](mailto:am16c@my.fsu.edu)), or Anthony Ruffin ([aer16f@my.fsu.edu](mailto:aer16f@my.fsu.edu)).



**Support the  
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with  
SHARE-IT NIGHT**  
*just mention  
"Flute Association"*  
**MONDAY  
OCTOBER 29, 2018  
6:30-9:30 PM**  
**Blaze Pizza**  
**1670 West Tennessee Street®**



THE FLUTE ASSOCIATION @ FSU

# Halloween Bake Sale

Monday, October 29

10:00 AM to 2:30 PM

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## Upcoming Events

**Graduate Studio Recital:** Monday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 7:30PM (Dohnànyi Recital Hall)

**Undergraduate Performance Recital:** Tuesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 7:30PM (Lindsay Recital Hall)

**FSU Baroque Flutes in Recital:** Thursday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 11:00AM (Wescott Auditorium Lobby)

**FSU Faculty Recital:** Thursday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 5:00PM (Dohnànyi Recital Hall)

**Gabrielle Sanchez Senior Project Recital:** Tuesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 7:30PM (Lindsay Recital Hall)

**Anthony Trionfo Guest Artist Recital:** Thursday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, 7:30PM (St. John Episcopal Church)

**Logan Faulkner Solo Recital:** Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm (Lindsay Recital Hall)

**Alan Berquist Doctoral Solo Recital:** Tuesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm (Dohnànyi Recital Hall)

**Rebecca Needham Senior Project Recital:** Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7:30pm (Lindsay Recital Hall)

**Flute Choir and Graduate Flute Ensemble Concert:** Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm (Lindsay Recital Hall)

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