



The New York Flute Club September 2019

New York Flute Club Season and Join/Renew Information for 2019-20



Dear NYFC members and friends,

Welcome to the 100th season of the New York Flute Club! The NYFC is the oldest non-keyboard musical instrument organization in the world, and we will showcase both its current talent and its rich history. Our centennial is truly something to celebrate, and we have exciting plans to announce. In addition to our regular concert season, we'll have a gala concert at Merkin Hall, monthly ensemble meetings, masterclasses, other educational activities, and the annual flute fair. There will be something for everyone.

Our concert series this year shows off the home team, the deep bench of New York's own flutists. The concerts are organized around some of the great personalities and institutions that have defined New York's musical landscape, starting with a tribute to **Samuel Baron** in October. From December through March, each concert will feature the current flutists of the **New York Philharmonic, New York City Ballet, Metropolitan Opera, and American Ballet Theatre**, in programs that honor their predecessors with repertoire they played, wrote, and arranged. Each program will include some of the 180-plus works premiered at the club over the last century.

The flute fair, on February 29, will be in a venue new to us, the W83 Ministry Center. **Seth Morris**, a principal flutist of the Metropolitan Opera, will be the guest artist. We welcome your proposals for flute fair programs; please get in touch with program chair Deirdre McArdle.

Last but certainly not least: please save the date: **Sunday, November 17**, for our Gala Centennial Concert at Merkin Hall, featuring Carol Wincenc in the world premiere of a piece by Gabriela Lena Frank, commissioned in honor of the centennial. An all-star cast of New York's finest flutists will perform a concert of works premiered at and long associated with the club, including Brant's *Angels and Devils*. (Please note: this special celebration is not part of the regular concert series; ticket ordering information will be posted on the website shortly.)

We want to be a club for the entire New York flute community, offering opportunities for our diverse members to get to know and learn from each other. One of our goals for the centennial is to add another 100 members, and we need your help in reaching out to NY-area flutists! Bring a friend or colleague to a concert, encourage your students to become acquainted with the Club's activities, and/or purchase a guest membership for your favorite flutist (an option at our online store). Help us ensure that we're able to serve the current generation of flutists and many generations to come.

Questions or suggestions? All of our board members are here to listen. Start with one you know or go straight to the undersigned: NYFC president Nancy Toff (best for organizational/concert/centennial matters) or NYFC membership secretary Kathy Saenger (best for member account matters). We want to hear from you!

Please join or renew now (online at www.nyfluteclub.org or by mail)—we aim to have a full house by Barrère's birthday, October 31, but we really want to hear from you in September. Help wish both Barrère and the Club a happy birthday!

Best,



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THE NEW YORK FLUTE CLUB

presents

Our Centennial Season (2019-2020)



September 15, 2019

100 Flutes for 100 Years (Governors Island 3:00 - 5:00 pm)

Performance and picnic • Admission is free.



October 20, 2019

The Legacy of Samuel Baron: Tara Helen O'Connor, Bart Feller, Katherine Fink, Sue Ann Kahn, Svjetlana Kabalin, Michael Laderman, Patricia Spencer, and colleagues



November 17, 2019 • Gala Centennial Concert (Merkin Hall 8:00 pm)

A special event featuring the premiere of the centennial commission (*Five Andean Improvisations* by Gabriela Lena Frank), remarks by Nancy Toff, and performances by Robert Langevin, Robert Dick, Carol Wincenc, Mindy Kaufman, Paula Robison, Linda Chesis, Michael Parloff, and more



December 15, 2019

New York Philharmonic Flutists

Robert Langevin, Mindy Kaufman, Yoobin Son, and Alison Fierst



January 12, 2020 (5:00 pm)

New York City Ballet Flutists

Scott Kemsley, Tanya Witek, and Laura Conwesser



February 29, 2020 • New York Flute Fair

(W83 Ministry Center, 150 West 83rd Street, NYC, all day)

Guest artist Seth Morris, principal flutist of the MET Opera Orchestra



March 29, 2020

American Ballet Theatre Flutists

Judith Mendenhall, Karen Purpura, Diva Goodfriend-Koven, Karla Moe, David Ordovsky



April 19, 2020

Winners of the 2020 NYFC Competition

Pre-concert masterclass/mini-recital with Paula Robison on the Griffes *Poem*

(4:00 pm, TBC)

Except as noted, all concerts are held on Sundays at 5:30 pm at Engelman Recital Hall, Baruch Performing Arts Center, 55 Lexington Avenue (entrance on East 25th Street), New York City.

Admission to regular concerts free to members of the New York Flute Club.

Tickets at the door: adults, \$25; students and seniors, \$15.

Programs subject to change.

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