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The New York Flute Club presents
THE SOLO SERIES

PATRICIA SPENCER, flute

Blue-Tune Verses (1997)

Noel Da Costa (1929-2002)

Syrinx (1913)

Claude Debussy (1862-1918)

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NEXT EVENT: The Music of Gabriela Lena Frank

Carol Wincenc (Five Andean Improvisations) and Demarre McGill (Kanto Kechua *No. 3*), and conversation with Gabriela Lena Frank and Jayn Rosenfeld Sunday, October 25, 2020, 5:30 pm https://zoom.us/j/98368724963?pwd=cVNiM3pDSWZUK08yelpyVVZBS3BxZz09 Please visit www.nyfluteclub for more information.

Patricia Spencer is a former president of the New York Flute Club and a founding member of the Da Capo Chamber Players. Career highlights include the New York premiere of the Elliott Carter Flute Concerto; the US premiere of Karlheinz Stockhausen's *Kathinkas Gesang als Luzifers Requiem* (staged scene for solo flute and electronic sounds); the Chinese premiere of Ge Gan-ru's flute concerto, *Fairy Lady "Meng Jiang*"; and the world premiere of Shulamit Ran's flute concerto, *Voices*. She has recorded numerous solo CDs on the Neuma label and many more chamber music CDs with the Da Capo Chamber Players. Dozens of composers have written flute works for her. She teaches flute and chamber music at Bard College/Conservatory and Hofstra University.

Noel Da Costa was born in Lagos, Nigeria to parents from Kingston, Jamaica, who were Salvation Army missionaries After returning to Jamaica while Da Costa was young, they emigrated to New York City, living in Harlem. Da Costa completed his bachelor's degree at Queens College in 1952 and his master's in theory and composition at Columbia University in 1956, studying with Otto Luening and Jack Beeson. He studied with Luigi Dallapiccola in Florence, Italy under a Fulbright Fellowship, and in 1961 took positions teaching at Hampton University and the City University of New York. In 1970 he accepted a position at Rutgers University, where he taught until 2001. He died the following year at the age of 72.

Da Costa was also a co-founder of the Society of Black Composers. He was an accomplished violinist, playing his own works as well as both classical and jazz music; he played on albums by Les McCann, Roland Kirk, Bernard Purdie, Roberta Flack, McCoy Tyner, Donny Hathaway, Felix Cavaliere, Willis Jackson, Eddie Kendricks, and others. He also worked with choral groups and played with both the Symphony of the New World and several orchestras in Broadway theatre productions.

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