

FLUTE NOTES



MARCH/APRIL 2026

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President's Letter

Hello Flutists,

The days are noticeably longer, and the temperature is creeping up, so it must be Springtime in Tucson!

Our Spring concerts are sounding wonderful, and we are gearing up for the Tucson Flute Club's Annual Member's Recital and Reception, to be held at St. Philip's on Saturday, May 9. This year, after our concert, we will host a Potluck Dessert Reception and Musical Silent Auction, featuring the world flutes donated to us by Carol Rosen. Details to follow, but if you have musical items you'd like to donate for the auction, please email us at TucsonFluteClub@gmail.com.

Mark your calendars for TFC's Annual Meeting and Celebration! Judy Bolt has graciously offered to host us again on Wednesday, May 20 at 6pm for a potluck dinner. As you may know, we will elect next year's Board of Directors at this meeting. I encourage you to get involved and consider board service! Many hands make light work, and it's valuable to get many perspectives on TFC's programs and events.

Here's to an exciting Spring season!

Chris Smith, *President*



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TFC Calendar

MAR 11	Performance, 6:30pm at Desert Springs Gracious Retirement Living (<i>more info on page 3</i>)
MAR 13	Spring Concert, 7:30pm at St. Philip's (<i>more info on page 3</i>)
MAR 18	NO REHEARSAL
MAR 25	Rehearsal
APR 1	Rehearsal
APR 8	NO REHEARSAL (<i>church is closed</i>)
APR 15, 22, 29	Rehearsals
MAY 6	Dress Rehearsal
MAY 9	Members' Recital, 2pm at St. Philip's (<i>more info on page 3</i>)
MAY 13	NO REHEARSAL
MAY 20	Annual Meeting & Potluck, 6pm at Judy's house (<i>more info on page 3</i>)
MAY 27	NO REHEARSAL
SUMMER	More info on page 3

Plan ahead! TFC has this additional performance date scheduled:

OCT 25 3pm, Fall Concert at St. Mark's UMC

Rehearsals run from 6:30-8:30pm and are held in the East Murphey Gallery at St. Philip's. Bring a stand. Come a little early so that you can get set up. If you arrive late and the door is locked, call or text Jack at 928-257-9524.

PLEASE DON'T COME IF YOU ARE SICK!
(or if someone else at home is sick) -- but do contact Jack and let him know. Thanks.

The next *Flute Notes* deadline is April 30.
Send your news to sandyschwoebel@aol.com.

Upcoming Events of Interest

March 7-8, 2026: TSO principal flutist **Alexander Lipay** will perform Jacques Ibert's *Concerto for Flute* as part of a program of Impressionistic Journeys from France to Latin America. Other works on the program include Debussy's *Suite Bergamesque*, as well as compositions by Piazzolla, Assad and Revueltas. March 7 at 2pm and 7:30pm, March 8 at 2pm. All concerts at Catalina Foothills High School. Tickets at www.tucsonsymphony.org

May 3, 2026: The Foothills Philharmonic will present their Spring Concert at 2:30pm at Catalina Magnet High School (3645 E. Pima Street), with flutist **Laurel Zucker** as soloist. Tickets are available at www.foothillspiltucson.com/concerts/

Now through September 13, 2026: The Musical Instrument Museum (MIM) in Phoenix is hosting a special exhibition entitled *The Magical Flute: Beauty, Enchantment, and Power*. This exhibit includes rare and historic flutes, including an 8,000-year-old Chinese bone flute, an exquisite bamboo *hitoyogiri* made for 14th-century Japanese emperor Go-Daigo, and crystal flutes owned by Napoleon and Louis Bonaparte. The entire collection features over 100 remarkable flutes from the dawn of music to the present day, and explores how people from around the world have used flutes of all shapes, sizes, and materials to express the rich human experience. You can find more information at mim.org.



*Southern Arizona
Flute Orchestra*
**Spring Concert:
"Nature's Stories"**



Friday, March 13 • 7:30 p.m.

St. Philip's In The Hills Episcopal Church
Campbell Avenue at River Road

The public is cordially invited

Free, donations appreciated

TFC Event Details!

MARCH 11 PERFORMANCE

Call Time: 6pm

Concert Time: 6:30-7:30pm

Where: Desert Springs Gracious Retirement Living,
30 W. Lambert Lane, Oro Valley

What to Wear: black bottoms, black shoes, single color top with sleeves (any kind of sleeve is fine, but no sleeveless shirts)

What to Bring: your flute(s), your music, music stand, battery-operated stand light

Notes: *This concert is not open to the general public. Parking is limited at this facility, so carpool if you can.*

MARCH 13 SPRING CONCERT

Call Time: 6:30pm

Concert Time: 7:30-8:30pm

Where: St. Philip's In The Hills Episcopal Church, 4440 N. Campbell Avenue (concert is in the sanctuary)

What to Wear: black bottoms, black shoes, single color top with sleeves (any kind of sleeve is fine, but no sleeveless shirts)

What to Bring: your flute(s), your music, music stand, battery-operated stand light

Notes: *This concert IS open to the public. and is free! Please invite your family, neighbors and friends!*

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MAY 9 MEMBERS' RECITAL, SILENT AUCTION & DESSERT RECEPTION

Our annual Members' Recital will be held in the sanctuary at St. Philip's In The Hills Episcopal Church, and will begin at 2pm in the sanctuary. The concert will be followed by a potluck dessert reception and a musical silent auction (held in the East Gallery), featuring the ethnic flutes donated to TFC by Carol Rosen. (If you have something you'd like to donate to the auction, please email us at TucsonFluteClub@gmail.com).

Each performer should plan to bring a dessert item to share. St. Philip's will provide beverages for this event.

There will be limited space on the concert for solos and small ensembles, so start planning now! TFC's music director Jack will send out an email soon with information about how you can sign up for a slot.

MAY 20 ANNUAL MEETING & POTLUCK

TFC's annual meeting and potluck supper will be held at Judy Bolt's house, 2932 E. Cannes. We will gather at 6pm — and if you can't get there by that time, just come when you can. Everyone should bring a dish to share, but TFC will provide the beverages.

At the meeting, we will discuss plans for the coming year and vote in our new board of directors. If you would like to serve or know someone that you think would be a good fit, please drop us an email at TucsonFluteClub@gmail.com

SUMMER SIGHTREADING NIGHTS

Each summer, TFC traditionally holds occasional sight-reading evenings where we try out new flute choir repertoire. These evenings are open to non-TFC members as well.

We don't have the dates planned yet, but they will be posted soon!