# The Savannah Area Flute Association

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I am pleased to announce that the new Savannah Area Flute Association is off to a great start. We are now officially an incorporated non-profit organization and many of our activities have begun. The adult flute choir is now rehearsing bi-weekly on Thursdays from 7 to 8:30pm at St. George's Episcopal Church and beginning to make some truly *flutastic* music. Students will be joining us in January.

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Also, our first fundraiser, a yard sale, will be held this Saturday, September 22 from 8am to 12pm at 164 Bordeaux Ln., Savannah, GA 31419. Please consider stopping by to donate or purchase some fine items! In addition, we have started our GoFundMe campaign. Please consider donating at gofundme.com/help-suppor-savannah-flutists, and sharing this message with family and friends.

And we are of course gearing up for our first annual Flute Day with the fabulous guest artist, Dr. Laura Clapper, on Saturday, November 10 from 2pm to 6pm at St. George's Episcopal Church which promises to be quite a fun but enlightening event. I hope to see many local flutists in the coming days and weeks.

Check out our new website page, savannahflute.com/safa where you will find all the SAFA information you will need and where you can subscribe to receive future newsletters if you have not done so already. We also have our Facebook page up and running, found at https://m.facebook.com/savannahflutes/. Please like us and invite all your friends to like us as well to help spread us spread the word about this great new organization.

Finally, I would like to recognize our newly elected officers. Besides myself as president, we have Cathy Booth as vice president, ShaQuan Hayes as secretary, and Jacqueline Fesq as treasurer. We have several members-at-large as well, and if you are interested in serving on the Board of Directors as one of these members, please contact us at savareaflute@gmail.com.

Looking forward to many days of flute music making ahead!

Your President, Erika Andres



## **Scholarship Announcement**

Attention all student flutists! Due to the generous donation of one sponsor, Hamner Music, the SAFA has 5 scholarships available for students in financial need. These scholarships give the student free membership to the organization and to the flute choir. All events will be free as well. The student must participate in the flute choir starting in the spring. Please email savareaflute@gmail.com to receive an application. All applications are due by October 31.

## **Our First Fundraising Event**



A yard sale this Saturday, September 22 from 8am to 12pm at 164 Bordeaux Ln., Savannah, GA 31419. Stop by to donate or purchase some fine items! All proceeds will go to support the SAFA.

### Join Us for Flute Day!



The Savannah Area Flute Association

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### Flute Day

with special guest artist Dr. Laura Clapper

Saturday, Nov. 10 from 2:00-6:00pm

St. George's Episcopal Church (15 Willow Rd, Savannah, GA 31419)

Featuring: an interactive lecture recital on Baroque flute, an open masterclass, an open flute choir reading session, and a concert by the Savannah Area Flute Choir!

Open to flutists of all ages and abilities! Please bring a music stand. Student SAFA members get in for *free*, nonmembers \$5 Adult SAFA members \$5, nonmembers \$15

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#### **About Dr. Clapper**

Dr. Laura Clapper concurrently pursued a Doctor of Music in Woodwind Performance – Flute and a Master of Music in Historical Musicology at Florida State University with specialized studies in both Early Music and College Teaching. Laura has performed and taught in the United States, Europe, and Central America, she is a founding member of the quartet *Silver Lining Flutes*, and she has held the second flute/piccolo position with the Penn's Woods Festival Orchestra in State College, PA since 2013. She is also an active member of the National Flute Association and the Florida Flute Association and served as the FFA Piccolo Masterclass Competition Chair in 2017. Additionally, she has been an elected board member for the Flute Association at FSU for three years and is currently the organization's president.

Laura loves to teach, perform, collaborate, read, write, and engage in the research process, all of which have contributed to her interest in early music and this project. Her enthusiasm for music and passion for teaching inspire her to share the joy of music-making with students of all ages. Laura received both Master and Bachelor of Music degrees in flute performance and a Bachelor of Arts in French and Francophone Studies from the Pennsylvania State University. Laura has served as a Teaching Assistant in applied flute at both FSU and PSU and is currently a Research Assistant in historical musicology and the director of the Collegium Musicum ensembles at FSU. Her primary flute teachers and life mentors are Eva Amsler, Naomi Seidman, and Eleanor Armstrong.

### **Upcoming Events**

Yard/Bake Sale-Saturday, September 22, 8am-12pm, 164 Bordeaux Ln. Flute Day-Saturday, Nov. 10, 2-6pm, St. George's Episcopal Church

### **Contact the SAFA**

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Erika Andres, President Cathy Booth, Vice President ShaQuan Hayes, Secretary Jacqueline Fesq, Treasurer

Interested in selling your flute or other flute-related materials? Contact us at savareaflute@gmail.com to place in ad in future newsletters.