

# Madison Flute Club

www.Madisonfluteclub.org

## Policies and Basic Information

### **Membership**

Dues: Madison Flute Club members pay annual dues. These dues can be paid each season or multiple seasons can be combined. Members can arrange payment periods with the club treasurer. Please be timely in getting your membership information and dues turned in. Members who are not current with their dues will not be assigned music and cannot take home the club-owned alto and bass flutes.

### **Rehearsals**

Schedule: We rehearse on Tuesday evenings at Midvale Community Lutheran Church. Big group rehearsal starts at 7:00 and ends at 8:30. The Chamber ensemble meets throughout the season to accommodate member's schedule and efficient rehearsal time for a performance. Members can come early to warm up, however they are expected to be **ready to play at 7:00**. We have four seasons: Fall, Holiday, Spring, and Summer.

What to bring: Members should bring their assigned music, music stand, pencil, tuner (if you have one) and of course their flute(s)!

Music: Music is handed out at the beginning of each season. Members that have committed to upcoming concerts are assigned to specific parts. The directors try to distribute parts fairly so that everyone plays a variety of parts. Members are responsible for their music and must obey copyright law. Members should turn in their music at the end of each season or shred it if it is a copy.

Etiquette: Please follow normal rehearsal etiquette. Please refrain from talking while we're playing or while the conductor is rehearsing a section, have your music prepared, and be courteous to the other players at all times. After rehearsal, please help straighten up the room and put instruments away.

Attendance: Attendance is expected of each member in order to get the best quality rehearsal. If you are unable to make it to a rehearsal, please contact one of the directors as early as you can of your absence.

Dress Rehearsal: The rehearsal prior to a performance is considered a Dress Rehearsal. In order to make sure all parts are covered, sound quality is good, and that everyone is up to date, attendance is mandatory. If there is a specific reason you are unable to attend the dress rehearsal, please speak with one of the directors.

Auxiliary instruments: The club owns an alto and bass flute. Members who are current on their dues are welcome to play these parts for performances, and may borrow these instruments outside of rehearsal. A member who takes home an auxiliary instrument is responsible for getting that instrument to the following rehearsal.

Cancellation of rehearsal: If for whatever reason rehearsal is cancelled at the last minute, you will be notified by the directors via e-mail and/or phone.

## **Performances**

Attendance Signup: As soon as the directors are able, there will be a form of attendance sign up for both rehearsals as well as concerts. Members should be prompt in filling out their availability and should try their best to not make adjustments in their schedules.

Dates and Times: We have at least two performances per season. Please refer to the club website and the attendance sign up for specific dates and locations. Please arrive early enough to warm up to these events.

Dress: Depending on the type of performance, we have two types of dress: casual and formal. For **casual** dress, members can wear casual bottoms such as jeans and the club t-shirt with the club logo. T-shirts can be purchased, however if you do not own a club t-shirt a plain black shirt is fine. For **formal** dress, members should not wear jeans or t-shirts, but more dressy wear.

Advertising: All of our performances are free and many are open to the public. Please help advertise our concerts and grow our audience by hanging the provided posters in the greater Madison area, and by inviting your friends/family/flute enthusiasts to our performances!

## **Chamber Ensemble**

This collaborative group will be the ambassador of the Madison Flute Club, committed to giving high quality performances of new and challenging music, originally composed for flute choir. Members will be admitted by audition three times a year (fall, spring, summer). Potential members must audition on a minimum of two instruments of their choosing. They will be assigned parts on these instruments accordingly. Members will rotate parts based on their instrument strengths. This group will present several performances a year and be available for hire.

Members of the chamber ensemble should also rehearse and perform with the large group ensemble of the Madison Flute Club. They also should commit to the rehearsal and performance schedule and be prepared on their parts in order to maintain high quality music in a small group.