

FLUTE MUSIC

by

AMANDA HARBERG

Featuring Cindy Kaiser, flute and piccolo
With Nick Towns and the LU Flute Ensemble

Thursday, April 4th
8:00 PM
Harper Hall

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Feathers and Wax (6'30")

Amanda Harberg (b. 1973)

Cindy Kaiser, flute
Nick Towns, piano

Don't Forget to Write (4')

Amanda Harberg

I. Blue Skies

II. Flying the Coop

Cindy Kaiser, flute

Concerto for Piccolo and Orchestra (14')

Amanda Harberg

I. Allegro

II. Moderato, dreamy

III. Vivace

Cindy Kaiser, piccolo
Nick Towns, piano

Fever Dreams (5')

Amanda Harberg

Amber Newman, piccolo
Cindy Kaiser, piccolo
Darren Lam, piccolo
Nick Towns, piano

Intermission

Hall of Ghosts (4'30")

Amanda Harberg

Cindy Kaiser, piccolo

Prayer (6')

Amanda Harberg

This! (5')

Amanda Harberg

Lawrence University Flute Ensemble
Cindy Kaiser, solo flute

Lawrence University Flute Ensemble

Erin Lesser – director
Michael Clayville – conductor

Cindy Kaiser – solo flute

Piccolo and Flute

Kai Coley
Amber Newman

Flute

Jonas Carlson
Laura Cortes
Josie Dale
Simon Jacob
Leo Nelson
Solana Noble
Bianca Pratte
Rukmini Raman
Greta Wright

Alto Flute

Darren Lam
Taylor Picha
Rebecca Reynolds
Aukje Van Eck

Bass Flute

Minnie Keene
Sarah Pedlar

Contrabass Flute

Erin Lesser

Biographies

Composer/pianist/educator **Amanda Harberg**'s music has been presented at major venues including Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, Verizon Hall, Symphony Center, Bargemusic, the Philadelphia Chamber Music Society, the Moab Music Festival, and the Newport Music Festival. In 2021, Maestro Yannick Nézet-Séguin conducted the premiere of her Piccolo Concerto with soloist Erica Peel and the Philadelphia Orchestra, calling it "an extraordinary addition to the limited repertoire." Her writing for a wide range of instruments weaves classical Western tradition with contemporary influences to create a distinctively personal style which "conveys a thoroughly original sense of happiness in music," according to Cleveland Classical. And the website of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra describes her as "a hero in the flute and piccolo community."

A widely commissioned composer who was the "Composer of the Month" at Theodore Front Music (December, 2023), Harberg's music is published by Theodore Presser Company and AH Publications, and has been recognized by a Fulbright Hays Fellowship, Juilliard's Peter Mennin Prize, two New Jersey Council on the Arts Fellowships, a New York State Council on the Arts fellowship, a MacDowell Colony summer residency, and nine National Flute Association Newly Published Music awards. In 2021 she was the International Clarinet Association's "Composer of the Month", and her woodwind works are regularly used as required repertoire for national and international competitions. Her Concerto for Viola and Orchestra was recorded on Naxos American Classics in 2017 to critical acclaim. In the 2023/24 season, Harberg will appear as a guest with Lawrence University, the Phoenix Symphony, Coastal Carolina University, the Ridgewood Symphony, the University of Colorado Boulder, University of Northern Florida, the Flute Center of New York, Arizona State University, Eastern Michigan University, and the New Jersey Flute Society.

Harberg is a dedicated educator with more than two decades of experience teaching composition, piano, orchestration, and music history. She is in her eighth year of teaching composition at Rutgers University, and in the summers she is on the composition faculty at the Interlochen Arts Camp. Currently living with her family in Glen Ridge, NJ, Harberg is the composer-in-residence with the Ridgewood Symphony Orchestra. To find out more, please visit <https://amandaharberg.com/>

Cindy Kaiser is a flutist pursuing a dual degree (B.A./B.M.) in music performance, music education, and psychology at Lawrence University. She has been a member of the Lawrence University Wind Ensemble, the Lawrence Symphony Orchestra, and the Lawrence University Mainstage Opera productions. Cindy currently studies flute with Erin Lesser at Lawrence, where she also studied piccolo with Suzanne Jordheim. Prior to college, she studied flute with Laura Gilbert at Mannes Prep and piccolo with Jeanne Wilson at Horace Mann Upper Division. She was the piccolo player in the New York State School Music Association (NYSSMA) Wind Ensemble in 2017 and the NYSSMA Symphony Orchestra in 2018. She was also a member of the National Association for Music Education (NAfME) All-Eastern Symphonic Band in 2019. In 2020, Cindy was selected as one of the winners of the National Flute Association (NFA) Collegiate Flute Choir Competition. She competed in the Utah Flute Association Sonata Competition and received an honorable mention for the Best Out of State Performance on piccolo in 2021. In 2022, Cindy performed Concerto for Piccolo and Orchestra, op. 50 by Lowell Liebermann and won the Lawrence University Wind Ensemble Concerto Competition. Cindy has worked as a flutist for the College Light Opera Company (Summer 2022), and has participated in the Interlochen Arts Camp, ARIA Academy, Orford Musique Academy, DeCoda Chamber Music Festival, and the Sewanee Summer Music Festival. She has taken masterclasses with Keith Underwood, Bart Feller, Alexa Still, Soo-Kyung Park, Judith Mendenhall, Alberto Almarza, Lorna McGhee, Molly Barth, and Donna Shin.

In addition to a well-established student performance career, Cindy is a dedicated music educator and administrator. She has been the Flute Section Coach for the Fox Valley Symphony Orchestra (FVSO) Sinfonia Program since 2023 and is also a private flute teacher through the Lawrence Community Music School. Cindy has had administrative experience working at the DeCoda Chamber Music Festival with Michael Mizrahi.

At Lawrence, she is a co-chair for the Conservatory Dean's Advisory Council, the president for the SAI Xi Chapter and the former president and junior advisor for the Lambda Sigma Alpha Pi Chapter. For her work on Amanda Harberg's Residency, she has been the recipient of the Lawrence University Chandler Senior Experience Grant and the Sigma Alpha Iota Chapter Outreach Grant.

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