

Soloists

Melodie Shelton



Melodie Kathleen Shelton earned her Bachelor's Degree in Music Education and her Master's Degree in Flute Performance and Pedagogy from Texas Tech University, where she studied with Dr. Michael Stoune and graduated with highest honors. She won awards and scholarships for her flute performances, including selection for the National Honors Band with William Revelli and the Texas Tech Summer Faculty Band with James Sudduth. Mrs. Shelton has also performed at the National Flute Association Convention with the Professional Flute Choir. She traveled to Amman, Jordan with the Celebration Orchestra where she served as a music missionary, featured soloist and master class teacher. She has been principal flutist with the Bay Area Wind Ensemble, and has performed with the Houston Civic Symphony and the Houston Flute Club. She is active as a soloist in the community, as well as a member of a number of small ensembles.

As principal flutist with the Clear Lake Symphony, Melodie is in her 32nd season, and previously served on the board of the Clear Lake Symphony Players Committee as vice-president for four years. She has had several students perform with the Symphony as winners of the Student Concerto Competition, and she was featured soloist herself in 1990, 1995, 1998, and 2007. Professional affiliations and honors include Texas Music Educators Association, Music Educators National Convention, Mu Phi Epsilon, Outstanding Young Women of America, Kappa Delta Pi and Delta Kappa Gamma teacher's honor societies.

Melodie has taught flute master classes and hired master class teachers and conductors for conferences around the country. She has also been part of the faculty at numerous Church Music Leadership Training Events. She has maintained a private flute studio for over 30 years in which her students have won many awards, including selection for the Texas all-state band, recognition as outstanding soloist at the state solo and ensemble contest, consistent superior ratings at regional and state solo and ensemble, and placement in the all-region and area bands. Often utilized as an adjudicator for both instrumental and choral groups, she has also been the conductor of the WAVE symphony orchestra at Webster and Westbrook Intermediate Schools, which were awarded sweepstakes at UIL competition.

Melodie is a published author and composer of children's choir music and curriculum for LifeWay Christian Resources and Word Music. She has been a Children's Choir Clinician around the country and has directed preschool through adult choirs in churches and public schools for many years. She and her husband Jim presently serve at First Baptist Church Pasadena, as part of the praise team, sanctuary choir and handbell choir.

Norma Williams



Norma Ysela Terrazas Williams received her Bachelor of Music degree from the University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP), where she studied with Hanoch Tel-Oren and Dr. Melissa Colgin-Abein. While there, she was a three-time concerto winner and featured soloist with the UTEP Orchestra. After graduation she performed with the American Wind Symphony as principal flutist. She received a Master of Music degree in flute from the University of Houston, where she studied with Byron Hester and taught as the assistant flute instructor. During her time at UH she was invited to play principal flute for the Texas Music Festival. Upon graduating, she was selected to play principal flute for the Classical Music Seminar Festival in Eisenstadt, Austria. The following summer she performed in Veracruz, Mexico, where she premiered David Ashley White's piece for solo flute, "Flashbacks." In 2011, she was invited to perform at the National Flute Association Convention in Charlotte, North Carolina. In Houston, she has been a featured soloist with the Houston Civic Symphony and the Clear Lake Symphony. Currently, she is owner of Celestial Harmonies (a chamber music business). She is also a Senior Consultant with Ambit Energy, plays piccolo with the Clear Lake Symphony, and maintains a thriving flute studio. Her students have been featured as soloists with the Clear Lake Symphony, the Houston Young Artist Concert, the Houston Flute Club Honors Recital, have been members of Texas All-State Band and Orchestra, and have achieved national accolades as well. Several have gone on to pursue careers in music throughout the USA. Norma and her husband, Jeff, are proud parents of four boys ranging in ages from thirteen to twenty-five all of whom are also musically inclined.