

Guest Artists

Norma Williams piccolo



Norma Terrazas Williams received her Bachelor of Music Degree in Flute Performance from the University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP) where she was a three-time concerto winner and featured soloist with the UTEP Orchestra. The summer of 1988, she toured with the American Wind Symphony as principal flutist. She received a Master of Music degree in Flute Performance from the University of Houston, where she also taught as the assistant flute instructor. While at UH, she was invited to play principal flute for the inaugural Texas Music Festival.

In 1991, Norma was selected to play principal flute for the Classical Music Seminar Festival in Eisenstadt, Austria. Under the auspices of the Mexican government, in 1992, she performed in Veracruz, Mexico.

The National Flute Association invited her to perform at their annual convention in Charlotte, North Carolina in 2011. 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, piccoloist of the Clear Lake Symphony, and maintains a thriving flute studio. Her students have achieved regional, state, and national accolades as well. Several have gone on to pursue careers in music throughout the USA and abroad. She and her husband, Jeff, have four sons and five grandchildren.



Michael Kasinger Composer-in-Residence

Michael Kasinger is currently a teacher and performer with the Clear Lake Symphony, Pasadena Philharmonic, Galveston Symphony, Brazosport Symphony, and several others. He has also played on cruise ships and in musical pits on several other instruments, but oboe has been his first and favorite ever since he started in 6th grade.

Michael graduated from Clear Lake Middle School and Clear Brook High school, then went on to get his degrees in music composition from Taylor University and Bowling Green State University before coming back to Houston. Michael is in his seventh year as Composer-in-Residence with Clear Lake Symphony.