

# N.Y. FLUTE CLUB



# NEWSLETTER

## THE DECEMBER CONCERT

Harold Bennett was a long-time member of the New York Flute Club, who served briefly on the Board of Directors and always encouraged his students to attend concerts. As principal flute in the Metropolitan Opera Orchestra from 1944-65, as coach for the National Orchestral Association's flute section, and as a teacher at the Manhattan School of Music he was one of New York's most influential flutists.

A little more than a year ago, Harold died quietly at his home on Long Island; the New York Flute Club's holiday season concert will be a time of remembrance and an expression of appreciation for what he taught us, for how he helped some of us start our careers, and for the high standard of flute playing he held before us.

The asterisk on the program denotes those flutists who studied with Harold; James Hosmer, a close friend of Harold and his wife, whose arrangement of the Anderson exercise appears on the program, was a colleague of his in the Metropolitan flute section for many years. It is also of special interest to note that Ms. Trudy Kane, who followed her teacher in becoming principal flute at the Metropolitan Opera, will perform.

### Come and Bring Your Flute

The final piece will be an arrangement of Gluck's Orpheus, which has just been arranged by Dorli McWayne for flute and flute "orchestra". It will soon be available from Alry Publications in Denver. Everyone is invited to participate. A rehearsal will be held at 5:30PM, one hour before the concert, at the Kosciuszko Foundation. Gerardo Levy will conduct. Please bring a stand and your flute.

Refreshments will be served after the concert in the elegant reception room of the Foundation. The Bennett family plan to attend.

**DON'T FORGET:** New time and place for the December Concert.  
6:30 PM at the KOSCIUSZKO FOUNDATION; 15 E. 65th St.

**NOTE:** Several people have brought to our attention instances of audience members taping flute club concerts. While we appreciate your desire to preserve these concerts, **TAPE RECORDING** without permission of the Artist/Artists is **STRICTLY PROHIBITED!**

### SALES TABLE

New York Flute Club Big Apple flute T-shirts from this summer's convention will be on sale at the December concert. They make great Christmas presents! There will also be a limited selection of members' books and recordings for sale, with 15% of the proceeds going to the Club. If you would like to sell your recording or book, please call Nancy Toff at 212/289-7739 to reserve a space. There won't be too much room available, however, we will have another larger sale in the spring.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, January 11 at 3:30PM, Robert Stallman, flutist, will perform with Speculum Musicae at Wave Hill in Riverdale, NY.

Saturday, January 22 at 8:00PM, Katharine Flanders Mukherji and Kathleen Nester, flutes, will perform with Musician's Accord at Symphony Space. The program includes works by Gideon, Lieuwen, Hyla, Kassel, Del Tredici, and Kaminsky.

The annual Flute Club Competition will shortly be upon us. If you are interested in auditioning for the Competition on the weekend of March 14-15, please contact Ms. Peggy Schecter at 201/746-4134 for more information. As the details are firmed up, I will publish them in the newsletter.

## FOR SALE

As a special courtesy, Mr. Nyfenger's book, containing his pointers on flute-playing will continue to be available at New York Flute Club concerts for the low NFA convention price of \$13. If you are planning to purchase a copy at the concert, please call Ms. Ardith Bondi at 212/724-3869 to reserve a copy. By mail, please send a check for \$17.95 to Mr. Thomas Nyfenger; 159 Shore Drive, Guilford, CT 06437.

Note: Did anyone borrow at the Flute Club Gathering in September an arrangement of Stars and Stripes in a yellow manila envelope? These copies look like xerox copies, but they are original. If located, please contact Jan Benson at 212/569-8889.