

Summer Session Performance Option: NFA Convention/Yamaha Exhibitor's Showcase

What: National Flute Association (NFA) 36th Annual Convention: Illuminating Tradition

Yamaha Corporation of America, Band & Orchestral Division's

Exhibitor Showcase featuring its new line of harmony flutes (25-30 minutes)

When: Friday, August 13, 2010 (Kerri needs to know your status by June 1st/8+ members needed.)

Performance time is 2:30 p.m., located on the Veranda at the Marriott Hotel. Chairs and stands will be provided. Bring your flutes, music binders, and tuners.

Call time is 1:30 pm at the Yamaha Booth in the Exhibitor's Hall, Platinum Ballroom

We will meet and walk to the performance room area together with the Yamaha booth staff. We'll need a few extra minutes to assemble our flutes, tune, and warm-up because once we enter the performance site, we need to be ready to perform.

Where: Anaheim Marriott Hotel (near Disneyland and the Anaheim Convention Center)

700 West Convention Way, Anaheim, CA 92802

Hotel reservations: 800-266-9432 or book online from www.nfaonline.org/convention

How: For more information or to register online, visit: www.nfaonline.org, and click on the "Annual Convention" menu, then scroll down to "Annual Convention Home."

Fees: OCFE Members who choose to perform at NFA do not need to pay the OCFE Summer Session fee of \$35, which helps offset your NFA membership/pre-registration fees.

Annual NFA Membership dues are required in order to attend/pre-register for the convention: \$85 full adult membership/\$65 adult e-membership, which means they email you a copy of the "Flutist Quarterly" instead of sending a hard copy for your coffee table.

Pre-registration one day fee for attending the convention: \$125 for Adults/\$70 for Full-time Students.

Register to attend the convention by July 1, 2010 and save \$35.00!!! All rates go up \$35 on July 2nd. You can also register at the door.

To attend the full convention (2-4 days, August 12-15), the rates are: \$235 for Adults/\$125 for Full-time Students.

It is possible to purchase a one-day "Exhibits Pass" at the door for only \$25, but it only entitles you to visit the exhibitor's booths and you will not be able to attend any clinics or concerts. Please plan to park, get registered and be in the Exhibitor's Hall by 1:30 pm.

Park: Parking at the Anaheim Marriot Hotel will cost \$20. Parking at nearby lots operated by the Anaheim Convention Center cost \$12, but there is no guarantee that these lots will be open/accessible. Let's carpool!

Plan for twice the amount of time you would normally need to travel to the Anaheim Marriot Hotel and park your car on site. Traffic in that area is always congested.

TIPS: Don't lose your badge, as they'll charge you \$25 to replace it!

For those attending only on Friday, you may pick up your badge in the Lobby Area of the Marquis Ballroom beginning at 8:00 am. Events begin promptly at 8:00 am, so you might consider staying overnight Thursday evening on site, and picking up your badge by 5:00 pm the night before. A complete schedule of events for the convention is available online at www.nfaonline.org/convention and click on "2010 Convention: Schedule.pdf" to view/download it.

The evening concerts are terrific – be sure to stick around. We'll plan to go out to dinner as a group (location TBD) and sit together at the Gala Concert: NFA Lifetime Achievement Award Winners, Leone Buyse and Fenwick Smith from 8-10 pm.

For those attending the full convention, you may pick your badge up beginning at 3:00 pm on Wednesday, August 11th, or 8:00 am on Thursday, August 12th in the Lobby of the hotel.

FYI - If you choose to perform with the 2010 NFA Illuminations Flute Choir, you'll need to register ahead of time and be on hand for a rehearsal Wednesday afternoon and the performance on Thursday morning. You'll find the registration slip for this on the link to the "Marriott Hotel & Travel Info" page (www.nfaonline.org/convention). Music will be sent to you in advance – ask Betty Whyte about this fun experience.

DO bring your flute(s) with you into the convention – you can check them into the NFA Instrument Security Room 24/7 if you don't want to carry them around. Many of the clinics are participatory in nature, so you'll want to bring it/them with you anyway.

DO NOT leave your flute(s) unattended in your hotel room or in your car – EVER! No offense to the Marriott, but hotel staff have unrestricted room access and even if you have a car alarm, savvy thieves can easily get in and remove items without setting it off. Sorry to even mention this, but just offering a common sense word-to-the-wise.

Final Thoughts....

Having the NFA Convention in our backyard is an amazing opportunity that only comes around once a decade or so. We encourage you to take advantage of the diverse offering of events, clinics, concerts and playing opportunities that it affords. We need you, so please consider performing with us for this special engagement.