

# FLUTE CENTER OF NEW YORK

## **The Flute Center's *Teacher Spotlight Series*** ***What it is, why it matters and how you can get involved***

*By Alex Xeros, Flutist and ClubFCNY Coordinator*

I joined the Flute Center of New York team in 2020 and was excited to learn about their club for teachers called [ClubFCNY](#). The more flute teachers I worked with, the more inspired I was to ask – what can FCNY do to further uplift and empower these incredible teachers? How could I help serve this community? With these questions in mind, I became the first official ClubFCNY Coordinator, acting as a dedicated liaison and launching new initiatives for ClubFCNY teachers.

One of my favorite projects that has come to fruition in the last year is our [Teacher Spotlight Series](#). What began as an interview series quickly grew into a full-blown event series, “for teachers, by teachers.” Our first live event was with the legendary flute pedagogue Patricia George. She gave an informative overview of her new Top Octave Book, sharing how to best integrate her book into lessons. What a way to begin!

It has been a pleasure to host events that cover a wide range of interesting topics, including “Diversifying Flute Repertoire” with Rebecca Johnson and Brian Dunbar, “Practicing Like a Pro” with Gina Luciani, and a monthly Solo of the Month Class with Matthew Allison. The Teacher Spotlight Series is equal parts inspiring, uplifting, and fun.

Another goal of the Teacher Spotlight Series is to provide opportunities for our teachers to perform and celebrate each other's artistry. To that end, we hosted our first ClubFCNY Teacher's Recital! Flute teachers from all over the country sent in recordings, which we compiled into a virtual concert. It was a hit - you can still find it on Youtube!

This fall we are extending a performance opportunity to students, too, and hosting the first ClubFCNY Student Recital. It will be live at the Flute Center on November 6 - we are so excited to have in-person events again!

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**Other upcoming teacher events include:**

- October 2nd: “What’s In Your Gig Bag” with Cathy Collinge Herrera
- October 16th: “Performance Health” with Amanda Sage
- November 6th: ClubFCNY Student Recital
- November 13th: “Body of Sound” with Morgann Davis
- December 11th: “Get In Shape for your Audition” with Elizabeth Robinson
- January 8th: “A Field Guide to Extended Techniques” with Nicole Riner.

The Teacher Spotlight Events are all 100% free to attend, and all ClubFCNY members are invited to present a topic they are passionate about.

**If you aren’t a member yet, we would love to have you join!**

There are no fees, gimmicks or strings attached, just industry-leading service and perks for you and your students. You can find all of the information and an application to join at [flutecenter.com](http://flutecenter.com). The Flute Center of New York strives to serve and foster our flute community, and I am honored to be able to contribute to that mission through the Teacher Spotlight Series.

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