



Dear NFA Members,

Happy 50th Birthday to the National Flute Association! After three years of connecting virtually, more than 3000 flutists gathered in Chicago to celebrate the NFA's historic first 50 years and galvanize its momentum into the future.

The hallways of the convention were filled with palpable excitement and energy. The feedback since has been overwhelming, with attendees praising the welcoming environment, inclusive programming, and opportunities to participate. Your NFA aspires to provide access to our finest performers and performances. Just as significantly, it is an Association that aspires to provide opportunity, access, and inspiration to all who play, and hope to play the flute. With these goals in mind, we've been working hard to keep the NFA's offerings affordable and accessible for everyone.

In the last year, the NFA's Board of Directors has approved:

- Lower membership and convention rates based on income.
- A lower convention rate for all registrants in 2022 compared to 2019.
- Need-based convention registration scholarships for over 40 attendees.

These actions were based on the board's conviction that affordability is vitally important to achieving NFA's diversity, access, and inclusion goals and that our members would continue to support the organization. Thank you for all you have done to make these initiatives possible.

Our volunteers, staff, donors, and members keep the organization growing and evolving. We intend to sustain this 50th anniversary excitement, but in reality we need your help to continue our programs and keep **Inspiring Flutists, Enriching Lives**.

Let's finish celebrating our 50th anniversary with a goal of raising \$50,000. You can join in on the celebration by giving a gift of \$50. In fact, I'm optimistic that if we all do what we can, we'll surpass that and start out 2023 strong.

This is your NFA, a gathering place for all those who love the flute. Your donations help us to keep our scholarship and commissioning programs going, our competitions thriving, and our community connecting. Whatever amount you can contribute will strengthen us all.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Johnson
NFA Board President