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A FLUTE CHOIR WORKSHOP

with

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Flute Choir Clinician and Altus Flutes Representative

1:30-5:30: Altus flutes on display

1:30-2:30: KCFC General/Advanced Choirs

2:30-3:15: KU Flute Choir

3:30-4:00: KCFC Adult Choir

4:15-5:00: Open Reading Session

5:00-5:30: Free time to try out flutes

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Valerie Simosko was Principal Flutist of the Charlotte Symphony for 23 years; she has also performed with the Atlanta and Youngstown Symphonies. She holds a BA in Business Administration and an MA in Music Performance and is currently an Altus Flutes Representative. Last summer she conducted a flute choir reading session at the NFA Convention in San Diego. Ms. Simosko will be available throughout the afternoon to work with flute choirs and will lead a flute choir reading session later in the day. She will also be available, along with Judi Dietz of Judi's Woodwinds, to answer questions about Altus Flutes. Several models of Altus Flutes will be on hand for participants to try, including the new Altus pre-professional line, Azumi (this will be its Kansas City premiere!), and the new Altus Z-cut headjoint.

This is a great opportunity for flute choirs to get a little extra help in preparation for concerts this spring! A limited number of time slots are available and will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. If you would like to bring your flute choir for a clinic with Ms. Simosko, please fill out the enclosed form and return it to: Emily Smith, 1454 W. Prairie Terrace, Olathe, KS 66061 by February 15, 2006. Or email the information requested on the form to: emsmithflute@comcast.net .

Even if you are not a member of a flute choir, you are invited to attend the Open Reading Session and give the Altus Flutes a try! Bring your flutes—including piccolos, altos, and bass flutes! Stands will be provided. See the back of this flier for directions. For more information, contact Emily Smith, (913) 780-5210 or emsmithflute@comcast.net .

Directions to Kansas City Kansas Community College

KCKCC
7250 State Avenue
Kansas City, KS 66112
(913) 334-1100

From Kansas City International Airport: Take I-29 North to I-435 South. Stay on I-435 until you reach I-70 East and then continue to Exit 415B (about a 30-minute drive). Go North to State Avenue (first traffic light) and turn left. Once on State Avenue turn right onto campus at the first traffic light.

From Downtown Kansas City, Missouri: Take I-70 West or I-670 West to exit 415 (about a 15-minute drive). Go North to State Avenue (first traffic light) and turn left. Once on State Avenue turn right onto campus at the first traffic light.

From the South side of the Metro: Take I-435 North to I-70 East until you reach Exit 415B. Go North to State Avenue (first traffic light) and turn left. Once on State Avenue the first traffic light will be the entrance to the campus; make a right turn onto campus. Or an alternate route is I-35 North to I-70 West to Exit 415B. Go North to State Avenue (first traffic light) and turn left. Once on State Avenue turn right onto campus at the first traffic light.

From the West side of the Metro: Take I-70 East until you reach Exit 415B. Go North to State Avenue (first traffic light) and turn left. Once on State Avenue turn right onto campus at the first traffic light.

Note: Once on campus, follow the main road around to the west to the main parking lot. The Jewell Building is the main building to the east of the parking lot. Walk in the "Humanities" doors at the end of the building. Go straight and down one flight of stairs. The Music Department is the first department on the right.

For a campus map and driving directions, log onto the Kansas City Kansas Community College website: www.kckcc.cc.ks.us/ .

The Kansas City Flute Choir

MEMO

TO: Kansas City Flute Choir

FROM: Emily Smith and Townes Miller

**RE: Flute Choir Workshop with Valerie Simosko
Sunday, February 26, 2006, 1:30-5:30 p.m.
Kansas City Kansas Community College**

Please see the attached flier for details and directions to our upcoming workshop with Flute Choir Clinician/Altus Flutes Representative *Valerie Simosko*. Ms. Simosko will be working with all of you during the first part of the afternoon, approximately 1:30-3:00. We're planning for her to conduct at least **one** of your pieces for each group; hopefully she will have enough time to run all of them. That will depend on how many other flute choirs sign up to take advantage of the workshop. We are also planning to have an open flute choir reading session at the end of the day's events.

In addition to the flute choir workshop, *Judi Dietz* of Judi's Woodwinds will be on hand to show Altus flutes. If you are in the market for a new flute, this is a great opportunity to try these excellent flutes! She will have a variety of flutes to try, including the new Altus pre-professional model, **Azumi**.

Parents: We could use some help! We are planning to have a snack table available so that everyone can take a break between the workshop and the reading session. It would be great if a couple of the parents could be available to oversee the snack table. We would like to ask each of our flute choir members to sign up to bring one of the following (a sign-up sheet will be available on the 19th):

A dozen cookies
Chips & dip
Fruit plate
Veggie plate
2-liter bottle of pop
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Dress: Concert dress is not necessary, but please dress nice! No jeans or shorts, please. We're the hosts—let's look professional.

Stands will be provided—you do not need to bring one!

Please plan to arrive by 1:15 and stay until 5:30. If you absolutely can't stay all afternoon, please let us know ASAP. It is essential that everyone is there for the workshop at 1:30. Remember—this is our **dress rehearsal!** But we also want you to hear the University of Kansas Flute Choir, who will also be attending. And, the reading session will be a lot of fun—we might discover some music we can program next year!

We are really looking forward to this event! We feel very lucky to have the opportunity to work with Ms. Simosko, and we're sure you will all enjoy working with her, too. Parents, please let us know if you are available to help with snacks or anything else—we can probably think of lots of other things we need help with. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call or email.

Thanks!

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