



Located deep in the heart of Texas, the **Prickly Pear Clarinet Ensemble** is a chamber music group comprised of several local clarinetists. The ensemble combines several generations of musical experiences, featuring the **full spectrum of the clarinet family**.

The members of Prickly Pear come from varying backgrounds—many of whom are **active music educators & performers in the San Antonio area!** Our members of Prickly Pear are collegiately trained clarinet players from across the country. Much like the beautiful and sweet fruit of the prickly pear plant, the Prickly Pear Clarinet Ensemble desires to **add a spritely sweetness to the musical offerings** of Texas. As such, we affectionately refer to the members of the ensembles as “Pears”!

The ensemble enjoys performing original works, as well as transcriptions for clarinet choir. Specifically, Prickly Pear **focuses on performing literature that connects with younger musicians** where they can be exposed to clarinet chamber works.

Our Co-Founders, Robert and Jean Lake, formed Prickly Pear in 2015.