

Colleen McCracken

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EDUCATION

University of North Carolina Greensboro

Master of Music in Flute Performance, *Expected May 2026*

Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Music Education, *Expected May 2026*

Under the tutelage of Dr. Erika Boysen

University of Denver

Bachelor of Music in Flute Performance and French Studies, *June 2024*

Graduated Summa Cum Laude with Distinction

Under the tutelage of Julie Thornton

The Teaching English as a Foreign Language Organisation

120 Hour TEFL Course, *November 2024*

LANGUAGES

English (Native)

French (Diplôme d'études en langue française - B1)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Clinics, Lessons and Performance Classes

UNCG All-District Workshop, *Flute Lesson Teacher and Masterclass Teacher* (2024)

UNCG Summer Music Camp, *Flute Lesson Teacher* (2024)

- Taught lessons to over sixty elementary, middle, and high school flutists at varying levels of playing.

Private Flute Studio Teaching (2019 - present)

- Taught and organized weekly lessons with private students

Lamont Summer Academy, *Counselor and Chamber Ensemble Coach* (2021)

- Led daily coachings and rehearsals for a woodwind chamber ensemble
- Managed a group of twenty high school aged musicians for the two-week duration of the academy under strict COVID-19 regulations
- Assisted with daily administrative duties

Flute Society of St. Louis Flute Day, *Presenter* (2020)

- Gave a presentation on time management for busy high school musicians

Edwardsville Band Camp, *Flute Sectional Teacher* (2016)

- Led sectionals for elementary-level flutists

Guest Presentations

MUP 301: Colleen's Favorite Warm Ups, *Univ. of North Carolina Greensboro*, 2025

Gave an interactive presentation of new warm up techniques to graduate and undergraduate flutists

KIN 417: POTS, *Southern Illinois Univ. Edwardsville*, 2018 and 2019

Presented Postural Orthostatic Tachycardia Syndrome to a population of undergraduate kinesiology students as part of a course called 'Exercise for Special Populations.'

PERFORMING EXPERIENCE

SOLO

Lamont Spring Convocation, Performance of Jacques Ibert's *Flute Concerto* (2024)

Jacqueline Arent Concerto Competition Public Final Round, Carl Nielsen's *Concerto for Flute* (2023)

Lamont Spring Convocation, Performance of Carl Nielsen's *Concerto for Flute* (2023)

Young People's Symphonic Orchestra, Performance of *Night Soliloquy* by Kent

Kennan (2018)

CHAMBER

Minerva Quintet, *Greensboro, NC* (2025)

ShakaduGAT Wind Quintet, *Denver, CO* (2023 - present)

- *Quintet for Winds* by John Harbison
- *The Light is the Same* by Reena Esmail
- *Water Cycle* by William Christensen

Mosaics: Trio for Flute, Bassoon, and Percussion by Eric Ewazen, *Denver, CO* (2022)

Birds for Flute Trio by Herman Beertink, *Denver, CO* (2021)

ENSEMBLE

UNCG Wind Ensemble, *principal flute and piccolo* (2024 - present)

UNCG Flute Ensemble (2024 - present)

UNCG Present~Continuous Ensemble (2025)

Lamont Modern Music Ensemble (2022-2024)

Lamont Symphony Orchestra, *principal flute* (2020-2024)

Lamont Wind Ensemble, *principal flute* (2020-2024)
Denver Young Artists Orchestra, *flute and piccolo* (2022-2023)
Lamont Opera Orchestra, *principal flute* (2021-2023)
National Flute Association Collegiate Flute Choir (2022)
St. Louis Symphony Youth Orchestra, *flute and piccolo* (2019-2020)
National Flute Association High School Flute Choir (2019)
Young People's Symphonic Orchestra of Webster University's Community Music School, *principal flute* (2017-2019)
St. Louis Youth Wind Ensemble (2017)
Flute Society of St. Louis Flute Choir (2016-2017)
Southern Illinois University Edwardsville Flute Choir (2016-2019)
All-Illinois Junior Band (2016)

MASTERCLASS PERFORMANCES

Erika Boysen, Colorado Flute Fair (2023)
Terri Sanchez, Flute Society of St. Louis Flute Day (2022)
Catherine Peterson, University of Denver (2022)
Brooke Fergusen, University of Denver (2022)
Julie Kim Walker, Texas Summer Flute Symposium (2021)
Allison Loggins-Hull, Texas Summer Flute Symposium (2021)
Chelsea Knox, University of Denver (2020)
Amy Porter, Flute Society of St. Louis Flute Day (2019)
Walfrid Kujala, Wildacres Flute Retreat (2019)
Göran Marcusson, Wildacres Flute Retreat (2019)
Jill Felber, Flute Society of St. Louis Flute Day (2018)
Leah Stevens, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville (2018)
Demarre McGill, Flute Society of St. Louis Flute Day (2017)
Bonita Boyd, Credo Flute (2017)
Luke Fitzpatrick, Credo Flute (2017)
Paul Thompson, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville (2016)
Paula Bernhardt, Flute Society of St. Louis Flute Day (2015)
Ann Choomack, Flute Society of St. Louis Flute Day (2014)
David Nischwitz, Flute Society of St. Louis Flute Day (2013)

OTHER NOTABLE PERFORMANCES

University of North Carolina Greensboro Flute Ensemble, National Flute Association Convention (2025)

- Recipient of the Mary H. Anderson Collegiate Flute Choir Award

University of North Carolina Greensboro Wind Ensemble, College Band Directors National Association National Conference (2025)
ShakaduGAT Wind Quintet, December Tour (2024)
ShakaduGAT Wind Quintet, Featured Ensemble at 1Day4DU Fundraising Kickoff Event (2024)
University of Denver, World Premiere of *Sequenza for solo flute* by Spencer Evans (2023)
Lamont Wind Ensemble, World Premiere of *Bassoon Concerto* by Sean Friar (2023)
Lamont Opera Orchestra, Mozart's *The Magic Flute*, principal flute (2021)

AWARDS AND HONORS

Lamont School of Music Outstanding Undergraduate Senior in Academic Achievement Award (2024)
Lamont School of Music Outstanding Recital Award (2024)
Lamont Chamber Honors Competition, Honorable Mention (2024)
Lamont Solo Honors Competition, Runner Up and Honorable Mention (2024)
Jacqueline Avent Concerto Competition, Finalist (2023)
Lamont School of Music Outstanding Recital Award (2023)
Central Ohio Flute Association Collegiate Young Artist Competition, First Prize Winner (2023)
Lamont Solo Honors Competition, Honorable Mention (2023)
Flute Society of St. Louis Young Artist Competition, First Prize Winner (2022)
Edwardsville Rotary Student of the Month, Arts (2020)
Flute Society of St. Louis High School Flutist Competition, Second Prize (2019)
Young People's Symphonic Orchestra Concerto Competition, Winner (2018)

FESTIVAL AND INTENSIVE EXPERIENCE

Sewanee Summer Music Festival (2023)
Concerto Competition Finalist
Rocky Ridge Summer College Intensive (2022)
Texas Summer Flute Symposium (2021)
WildAcres Flute Retreat (2019)
MPulse Flute at the University of Michigan (2018)
Credo Flute (2017)
Southeast Missouri Chamber and Orchestral Institute (2015, 2016, 2017)

ACTIVITIES AND AFFILIATIONS

The National Flute Association
Flute Society of St. Louis
Raleigh Area Flute Society
Colorado Flute Association
Sigma Alpha Iota
ShakaduGAT Wind Quintet
Delta Zeta Sorority

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Greensboro Urban Ministry: Potter's House Food Kitchen (2024 - Present)

American Cancer Society: Making Strides Against Breast Cancer of the Triad
Committee Member (2024 - Present)

Girl Scouts USA: Gold (2020), Silver (2016), and Bronze (2013) Awards for
Community Service

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

UNCG School of Music Study Abroad Lessons and Ensembles Program
 Outlined processes for students, faculty, and administrators to enable BMus
 and BMusEd students to study abroad for credit without delaying their
 graduation

Music Stand Project
 Successfully raised funds for over 50 music stands for the Lamont School of
 Music in the role of Lamont School of Music Senator, University of Denver
 Undergraduate Student Government

REFERENCES

Dr. Shelly Monier, *Professor of Flute at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville*; former teacher and mentor

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Julie Thornton, *Professor of Flute at the University of Denver*; former teacher

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