

Robbie Strauss

Composer, Flutist

Education

Peabody Institute at Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD

2025-27

Master's of Music. Composition
Principal Teacher: Felipe Lara

University of Delaware, Newark, DE

2021-25

Bachelor's of Music - Majors: Applied Music; Flute Concentration, Music Composition

Flute Teacher: Eileen Grycky
Composition Teachers: Yoshiaki Onishi, Rachael Smith, Jennifer Barker

Teaching Assistantship

2023-25 Undergraduate Teaching Assistant, Dr. Yoshiaki Onishi, Assistant Professor of Music

Student Organization Leadership

2023-25	President, Society of Composers, Inc., University of Delaware
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Plan events, finance trips, build community, communications, organize concerts
2022-23	Treasurer, Society of Composers, Inc., University of Delaware
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Handle financial bookkeeping, communications

Recent Awards, Honors

2025	Presser Scholar	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- 4th Year Award for Musical Excellence, Leadership, and Community Contribution.
2025	Delaware State Music Teacher Association Award	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Awarded to student demonstrating the greatest level of proficiency in their given area.
2025	Finalist, Inaugural Ruth Wales Du Pont Composition Contest	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Conduct and premiere new work, 3 finalists among hundreds of applicants
2024	Winner, Joseph Dorfman Composition Contest	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- 10-12 Composers, ranging from Undergrad to PhDs.
2024	John De Martini Scholar	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Awarded to 3rd Year student demonstrating leadership and excellence in and out of the classroom
2023-2025	Recipient, Michael & Janet Arenson Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- For Excellence in Music Theory
2023	Winner, University of Delaware Concerto Competition	

Composition

In Progress Compositions

Conformity, Piano+WW Sextet

Written for Viewpoints Dance Collaboration at Peabody Conservatory

Sonorities II, Amplified F Horn

Completed Compositions

2025 *on the way down*, large ensemble [6']
 Premiere: Old Bay New Music Baltimore, MD, USA, 12/7/25

2025 *Realizations*, mixed ensemble [8']
 Premiere: Peabody Composer's Ensemble, Baltimore, MD, USA, 11/16/25

2025 *Epilogue*, piano, ticking alarm, electronics [indeterminate'] *
 Premiere: Spooky Piano Music Recital, Baltimore, MD, USA, 10/31/25

2025 *Sonorities*, solo flute with amplification [7.5'] *
 Premiere: Peabody Composition Department Recital, Baltimore, MD, USA, 10/15/25

2025 Trio for flute, cello, and piano [6'] *
 Premiere: Joseph Dorfman Composition Competition, Ochsenhausen, BW, Germany, 8/7/25
 Noon:30 Recital Series: Composition, Baltimore, MD, USA, 11/7/25

2025 *Daffodils*, soprano, harp, string quartet [6'] *
 Written for Ruth Wales Du Pont Composition Contest Finals
 Premiere: Robbie Strauss, conductor; Susan Derry, soprano. Winterthur, DE, USA, 3/23/25
 University of Delaware Composer Showcase, 5/25

2024 *Serenade for an Old Friend*, oboe and piano [10'] *
 Premiere: Robbie Strauss, Composition Degree Recital, Newark, DE, USA, 10/13/25

2024 *Escapade*, flute quartet [8'] *%
 Commission: Abby Von Ohlen
 Premiere: Abby Von Ohlen, Degree Flute Recital, Newark, DE, USA, 10/5/24

2024 *All of the Voices*, clarinet, cello, piano, percussion [7'] *
 Premiere: Robbie Strauss, conductor, ISAM Galakonzert, Ochsenhausen, BW, Germany, 8/8/24
 University of Delaware Composer Showcase, 5/25

2024 *Happy Birthday Fantasy*, piccolo and piano
 Premiere: Robbie Strauss, Mark Livshits, Newark, DE, USA, 5/4/24

2023-24 Sonatina for Clarinet and Piano [16'] *%
 Commission: Michael Fassett
 Premiere: Michael Fassett, Angie Dragicescu, Newark, DE, USA, 4/21/24
 University of Delaware Composer Showcase, 5/24
 Robbie Strauss, Composition Degree Recital, Newark, DE, USA, 10/13/25

2023 *String Quartet on Four Notes* *%
 Commission: Dorothy Marks

	Premiere: Dorothy Marks, Junior Degree Recital Newark, DE, USA, 10/28/23 Robbie Strauss, Composition Degree Recital, Newark, DE, USA, 10/13/25
2023	<i>Breaking Point</i> , clarinet, cello, piano, and percussion [8']* Premiere: ISAM Galakonzert, Ochsenhausen, BW, Germany, 8/14/23
2023	<i>Presentation</i> , flute and cello [4']*% Commission: University of Delaware End-of-year Awards, German area Premiere: Robbie Strauss, Ray Pragman, Newark, DE, USA, 5/23
2023	<i>Variations on an Unstated Theme</i> , solo violin, two percussionists [7']*% Commission: Marcella Kile Premiere: Marcella Kile, Graduate Degree Recital, Newark, DE, USA, 5/5/23
2022-23	<i>Freehold Overture</i> , grade 3 Concert Band [9']
2022	<i>Adrift</i> , Woodwind Trio [7']* Written for the Pine Trio Premiere: Udel Chamber Recital, Pine Trio, Newark, DE, USA, 5/1/23
2022	<i>None in Vaguely F</i> string octet, bagpipes [8']* Premiere: Still Breathing Recital, Robbie Strauss, conductor, Newark, DE, USA, 12/3/22
2022	<i>Duets for Bored Flutists</i> flute duet [5']* Premiere: Still Breathing Recital, Newark, DE, USA, 9/30/22
2021-22	<i>Forestly Stroll</i> piccolo, bass clarinet, cello, vibraphone [7']* Premiere: Still Breathing Recital, Newark, DE, USA, 9/30/22
2022	<i>Water Skipper</i> clarinet, violin, cello, piano [10']* Written for Joseph-Dorfman Composition Contest Premiere: Premiere: ISAM Galakonzert, Ochsenhausen, BW, Germany, 8/22 Robbie Strauss, Composition Degree Recital, Newark, DE, USA, 10/13/25 University of Delaware NASM Accreditation Recital, 2/25
2022	<i>Serenade</i> flute, clarinet, piano [8'] Written for Armonia Trio
2021	<i>Main St.</i> string quintet [6']* Premiere: Still Breathing Recital, Newark, DE, USA, 11/30/21
2021	<i>Here I am</i> woodwind quintet* Premiere: Still Breathing Recital, Newark, DE, USA, 10/8/21

* = Performed

% = Commissioned

Flute

Upcoming Performances

2/25/26	Peabody Composition Department Recital
4/18/2025	Solo Recital: “The flute as written by Peabody Composers”, Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Baltimore, MD, USA
5/5/25	Old Bay New Music, Griswold Hall, Baltimore, MD, USA

Recent Performances (Flute)

12/7/25	Old Bay New Music, Griswold Hall, Baltimore, MD, USA
12/2/25	Peabody Improvisers Collective, 2640 Space, Baltimore, MD, USA
11/16/25	Peabody Composer's Ensemble, Joe Byrd Hall, Baltimore, MD, USA
11/14/25	Peabody Composer's Ensemble, Joe Byrd Hall, Baltimore, MD, USA
11/7/25	Noon:30 – Composition, Griswold Recital Hall, Baltimore, MD, USA
10/19/25	Alejandro Lobo, Composition Senior Recital, Newark, DE, USA
10/15/25	Composition Department Recital, Cohen-Davison Family Theatre, Baltimore, MD, USA
8/8/25	Joseph Dorfman Composition Competition, Ochsenhausen, BW, Germany
8/2/2025	Composer's Matinee, ISAM, Ochsenhausen, BW, Germany
5/4/25	Senior Degree Recital , Gore Recital Hall, Newark, DE, USA
3/20/25	UD Symphony Orchestra, Gore Recital Hall, Newark, DE, USA
11/20/24	UD Wind Ensemble, Gore Recital Hall, Newark, DE, USA
10/10/24	UD Wind Ensemble, Gore Recital Hall, Newark, DE, USA
6-7/2024	UD Symphony Orchestra, Thessaloniki, Athens, Heraklion, Greece
5/4/24	Junior Degree Recital , Gore Recital Hall, Newark, DE, USA
4/4/2024	Concerto Soloist , UD Wind Ensemble, Griffes' <i>Poem</i> for flute and orchestra
3/21/2024	UD Symphony Orchestra, Newark, DE, USA
2/24/24	UD Wind Ensemble, CBDNA Eastern Conference, Ithaca, NY
12/22/2023	UD Composers Showcase, Newark, DE, USA
12/1/23	UD Wind Ensemble, Newark, DE, USA
10/13/22	UD Wind Ensemble, Newark, DE, USA

Recent Studied Works

* = Premiere
^ = Piccolo
~ = Alto Flute

Unaccompanied

Bach, J.S.	Partita in A Minor, BWV 1013
Berio, Luciano	Sequenza
Bozza, Eugène	Image, Op. 38
Cordell, Blake	Súile Foaroise*
Debussy, Claude.	Syrinx, L. 129
Hoover, Katherine	Kokopelli,
Hoover, Katherine	Winter Spirits
Lobo, Alejandro	Parrot Food*
Telemann, Georg Philipp	Fantasia No. 7 in D Major, TWV 40:2–13

Solo With Electronics

Ben-Amots, Ofer	Avis Urbanus
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Sonorities*

Solo With Piano (or equivalent)

Bach, J.S.	Sonata in E Minor, BWV 1034
Coleman, Valerie	Wish Sonatine
Doppler, Franz	Fantaisie Pastorale Hongroise, Op. 26
Dutilleux, Henri	Sonatine pour Flûte et Piano (1943)
Fauré, Gabriel	Fantasie, Op. 79
Gaubert, Philippe	Nocturne et Allegro Scherzando (1906)
Harberg, Amanda	Court Dances
Messaien, Oliver	Le Merle Noir
Perry, Austin	Sepulchre by the Sea
Prokofiev, Sergei	Sonata in D, Op. 94
Schocker, Gary	Sonata No. 9 for Flute and Piano
Schocker, Gary	Coffee Break
Scholle, London	Hansel and Gretel*~
Taffanel, Paul	Andante Pastoral et Scherzettino (1907)

Concerti

Griffes, Charles	Poem for Flute and Orchestra, A. 93
Liebermann, Lowell	Concerto for Flute and Orchestra, Op. 39
Mozart, Wolfgang Amadeus	Flute Concerto in G Major, K. 313
Mozart, Wolfgang Amadeus	Flute Concerto in D Major, K. 314

Recent Chamber Works

Arnold, Malcolm	Divertimento for Flute, Oboe and Clarinet
Balsamo, Michael	Incoherence*^
Clarke, Ian	s p e l l s ~
Coleman, Valerie	Concerto for Wind Quintet
Dong, Yoohyun	Toward the Place You Blossomed*^
Hillman, Kylan	The Good Times are Drifting Away*
Ligeti, György	Sechs Bagatellen für Bläserquintett
Song, Xingyue	Crosshair Offset*
Strauss, Robbie	Adrift*
Strauss, Robbie	Trio for Flute, Cello, Piano*
Strauss, Robbie	on the way down*
Swersey, Misha	Down the Rabbit Hole*
Xin, Ye	Lunaria*
Takemitsu, Toru	Rain Coming~

Notable Recent Orchestral

Barber, Samuel	Violin Concerto	1st Flute
Bernstein, Leonard	Symphonic Dances from "West Side Story"	1st Flute
Copland, Aaron	An Outdoor Overture	1st Flute
Hagerty, Mark	United Sounds of America	1st Flute (Premiere)
Navarro, Oscar	Legacy Concerto	1st Flute
Rimsky-Korsakov, Nikolai	Russian Easter Overture	1st Flute
Sibelius, Jean	Symphony No. 2 in D Major	1st Flute
Skalkottas, Nikos	<i>The Sea</i> Orchestral Suite	1st Flute

Beethoven, Ludwig Van	Symphony No. 5	Piccolo
Rimsky-Korsakov, Nikolai	Sheherazade	Piccolo
Shostakovich, Dmitri	Violin Concerto no. 1 in A Minor	Piccolo/3rd Flute

Notable Recent Wind Ensemble

Chasoenri, Kevin	Rising Light	Principal Flute
Dorn, Henry	Transcendence	Principal Flute (Premiere)
Maslanka, David	Symphony No. 4	Principal Flute
Resphigi, Ottorino	Huntingtower	Principal Flute
Schoenberg, Adam	Picture Studies	Principal Flute
Schwantner, Joseph	In Evening's Stillness...	Principal Flute
Stravinsky, Igor	Suite from <i>Firebird</i>	Principal Flute
Benson, Warren	The Solitary Dancer	Piccolo
Grantham, Donald	Southern Harmony	Piccolo