

Robbie Strauss

Composer, Flutist

Education

B.M. Applied Flute, University of Delaware, 2025
Principal Teacher: Eileen Grycky

B.M. Music Composition, University of Delaware, 2025
Principal Teachers: Yoshiaki Onishi, Rachael Smith, Jennifer Barker

Teaching Assistantship

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

Student Organization Leadership

2023-25 President, Society of Composers, Inc., University of Delaware
- Plan events, finance trips, build community, communications, organize concerts

2022-23 Treasurer, Society of Composers, Inc., University of Delaware
- Handle financial bookkeeping, communications

Recent Awards, Honors

2025 Finalist, Inaugural Ruth Wales Du Pont Composition Contest
- Conduct and premiere new work, 3 finalists among hundreds of applicants

2024 Presser Award
- UDSOM Award for Musical Excellence, Leadership, and Community Contribution.
- Given to one student

2024 Winner, Joseph Dorfman Composition Contest
- 10-12 Composers, ranging from Undergrad to PhDs.

2024 John De Martini Scholar
- Awarded to the most talented student in the UDSOM Class

2023-2025 Recipient, Michael & Janet Arenson Scholarship
- For Excellence in Music Theory

2023 Winner, University of Delaware Concerto Competition
- Competing with Undergraduate and Master's Students

August 2022,2023 2nd Prize, Joseph Dorfmann Composition Contest

In Progress Compositions

All of the Voices, Concert Band [~10']

The Passing of Time, Orchestra [~8']

Untitled For Chamber Wind Ensemble [~25']

- Commission to be premiered in 2026

Recent Completed Compositions

- 2025 *Daffodils*, soprano, harp, string quartet [6'] *
Written for Ruth Wales Du Pont Composition Contest Finals
Premiere: Susan Derry, American Pops Orchestra, Robbie Strauss, conductor.
Winterthur, DE, USA, March 23, 2025
- 2024 *Serenade for an Old Friend*, oboe and piano [10']*
Premiere: Jillian Fetrow, Angelina Boback, Newark, DE, USA, October 13, 2024
- 2024 *All of the Voices*, clarinet, cello, piano, percussion [7'] *
Written for Joseph-Dorfman Composition Contest
Premiere: Robbie Strauss, conductor, ISAM Galakonzert,
Ochsenhausen, BW, Germany, August 8, 2024
- 2024 *Escapade*, flute quartet [8']*%
Commission: Abby Von Ohlen
Premiere: Abby Von Ohlen, Yuki Seo, Sophia Moreira, Ray Pragman,
Newark, DE, USA, October 5, 2024
- 2024 *Happy Birthday Fantasy*, piccolo and piano
Premiere: Robbie Strauss, Mark Livshits, Newark, DE, USA, May 4, 2024
- 2023-24 *Sonatina for Clarinet and Piano* [16']*%
Commission: Michael Fascetta
Premiere: Michael Fascetta, Angie Dragicescu, Newark, DE, USA, April 21, 2024
- 2023 *String Quartet on Four Notes**%
Commission: Dorothy Marks
Premiere: Dorothy Marks, Katherine Tuttle, Josh Corwin, Ben Holcomb
Newark, DE, USA, October 28, 2023
- 2023 *Breaking Point*, clarinet, cello, piano, and percussion [8']*
Written for Joseph-Dorfman Composition Contest
Premiere: ISAM Galakonzert, Ochsenhausen, BW, Germany, August 14, 202
- 2023 *Presentation*, flute and cello [4']*%
Commission: University of Delaware End-of-year Awards, German area
Premiere: Robbie Strauss, Ray Pragman, Newark, DE, USA, May 5, 2023
- 2023 *Variations on an Unstated Theme*, solo violin, two percussionists [7']*%
Commission: Marcella Kile
Premiere: Marcella Kile, OMNI Percussion Duo Newark, DE, USA, May 5, 2023
- 2022-23 *Freehold Overture*, grade 3 Concert Band [9']
- 2022 *Adrift*, Woodwind Trio [7']*
Written for the Pine Trio
Premiere: Pine Trio, Newark, DE, USA, May 1, 2023

- 2022 *Nono in Vaguely F* string octet, bagpipes [8']*
Premiere: Robbie Strauss, conductor, Cody Weston Cheadle, bagpipes
Newark, DE, USA, December 3, 2022
- 2022 *Duets for Bored Flutists* flute duet [5']*
Premiere: Abby Von Ohlen, Robbie Strauss Newark, DE, USA, September 30, 2022
- 2021-22 *Forestly Stroll* piccolo, bass clarinet, cello, vibraphone [7']*
Premiere: Robbie Strauss, Joshua Snively, Emme Whisner, Graeme Leighton
Newark, DE, USA, September 30, 2022
- 2022 *Water Skipper* clarinet, violin, cello, piano [10']*
Written for Joseph-Dorfman Composition Contest
Premiere: Abby Von Ohlen, Robbie Strauss Newark, DE, USA, September 30, 2022
- 2022 *Serenade* flute, clarinet, piano [8']
Written for Armonia Trio
- 2021 *Main St.* string quintet [6']*
Premiere: Newark, DE, USA, November 30, 2021
- 2021 *Here I am* woodwind quintet*
Premiere: Newark, DE, USA, October 8, 2021

* = Performed

% = Commissioned

Recent Festival

- 2022-25 International Summer Academy of Music, Ochsenhausen, DW, Germany
- 2025: Part of Composition Competition Jury
 - 2024: Won 1st prize at Composition Competition
 - Studying Composition with Ofer Ben-Amots and Jan Jirásek, internationally acclaimed composers

Recent Performances (Flute)

- March 20, 2025 Coprincipal Flute/Piccolo, UD Symphony Orchestra, Gore Recital Hall, Newark, DE, USA
- November 20, 2024 Coprincipal Flute/Piccolo, UD Wind Ensemble, Gore Recital Hall, Newark, DE, USA
- November 17, 2024 Coprincipal Flute/Piccolo, UD Wind Ensemble, Gore Recital Hall, Newark, DE, USA
- October 10, 2024 Coprincipal Flute/Piccolo, UD Wind Ensemble, Gore Recital Hall, Newark, DE, USA
- June-July 2024 Principal Flute, UD Symphony Orchestra, Thessaloniki, Athens, Heraklion, Greece
- May 13, 2024 Woodwind Quintet Recital, Gore Recital Hall, Newark, DE, USA
- May 11, 2024 Principal Flute, UD Symphony Orchestra, Newark, DE, USA
- May 5, 2024 Flute Quartet Recital, Gore Recital Hall, Newark, DE, USA
- May 4, 2024 **Junior Performance Recital**, Gore Recital Hall, Newark, DE, USA
- April 13, 2024 Janelle Gallespie, Graduate Performance Recital, Newark, DE, USA
- April 4, 2024 **Concerto Soloist**, Griffes' *Poem* for flute and orchestra, UD Wind Ensemble
- March 21, 2024 Principal Flute, UD Symphony Orchestra, Newark, DE, USA
- February 24, 2024 Principal Flute, UD Wind Ensemble, CBDNA Eastern Conference, Ithaca, NY
- December 11, 2023 Flutist, UD Composers Showcase, Newark, DE, USA
- December 1, 2023 Principal Flute, UD Wind Ensemble, Newark, DE, USA

October 13, 2023

Principal Flute, UD Wind Ensemble, Newark, DE, USA

Recent Studied Works

Unaccompanied

Bach, J.S.	Partita in A Minor, BWV 1013
Berio, Luciano	Sequenza (1958)
Bozza, Eugène	Image, Op. 38
Debussy, Claude.	Syrinx, L. 129
Hoover, Katherine	Kokopelli, (1990)
Hoover, Katherine	Winter Spirits (1997)
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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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	Fantaisie, Op. 79
Gaubert, Phiippe	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
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	
Clarke, Ian	s p e l l s	Alto Flute
Coleman, Valerie	Concerto for Wind Quintet	
Hoover, Katherine	Celebration	1st Flute
Ligeti, György	Sechs Bagatellen für Bläserquintett	
Strauss, Robbie	Adrift	(World Premiere)
Takemitsu, Toru	Rain Coming	Flute/Alto Flute

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 (World 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 (World 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