

Robbie Strauss

Composer, Flutist

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Experience

Founder/Flutist, Wallflower Winds

2026-

Wind Quintet with the mission of playing new music alongside standard repertoire.

- flutist
- coordinate dynamic schedules and logistics for rehearsals and concerts
- curate programs
- recording concerts
- edit recordings/videos

Founding Member, Outward Collective

2026-

The Outward Collective exists to advance new music of and for our time. We seek to discover, empower, and create opportunities for composers through performance, promotion, and collaboration.

- coordinating concert and rehearsal logistics
- tracking organization finances
- call for scores adjudicator
- flutist with Outward Ensemble

Crew Lead, Peabody Conservatory Production Crew

2025-

- Promoted to Crew Lead in 2026, leading/directing crew members on conservatory operation shifts
- Gain Experience with Audio/Visual Production Tech, Live Mixing, Soundchecking, Coordinating Signal Flow, Cable Management

Undergraduate Teaching Assistant, University of Delaware

2023-25

- Dr. Yoshiaki Onishi, Former Assistant Professor of Music
- Coordinate Composition Studio Recitals
- Smooth transition between faculty members
- Incoming student orientation
- Substitute teach Studio Class

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

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

Recent Awards, Honors

Presser Scholar – University of Delaware 2025
 - 4th Year Award for Musical Excellence, Leadership, and Community Contribution.

Delaware State Music Teacher Association Award
 - Awarded to student demonstrating the greatest level of proficiency in their given area.

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

Winner, Joseph Dorfman Composition Contest 2024
 - *All of the Voices* (2024) Written at ISAM 2024

John De Martini Scholar
 - Awarded to 3rd Year student demonstrating leadership and excellence in and out of the classroom

Recipient, Michael & Janet Arenson Scholarship 2023-25
 - For Excellence in Music Theory

Winner, University of Delaware Concerto Competition 2023

Composition

Festival

Eugene Difficult Music Ensemble New Music Festival, Eugene, OR, USA 2026

- Call for Scores Winner
- *Epilogue* (2025) performed by Impulse Ensemble

Lake George Music Festival, Lake George, NY, USA 2026

- Composer's Institute Attendee
- Presented at masterclass with Katherine Balch
- Attended Classes with Alyssa Weinberg, Viet Cuong, The Rhythm Method String Quartet
- *gone, but still here* (2026) premiered by The Rhythm Method

Longy's Divergent Studio, Cambridge, MA, USA 2026

- Presented at masterclass with Augusta Read Thomas
- Attended Classes with loadbang, Andy Kozar, Ty Bouque, Adrián Sandí, William Lang, Alexandra du Bois, Pablo Santiago Chin, John Morrison, Jeremy Van Buskirk
- Wrote for Divergent Speed Concert
 - o *My Tummy Hurts* (2026) premiered by Divergent Studio Performers
- *Zero Sum* (2026) premiered by loadbang

International Summer Academy of Music, Ochsenhausen, BW, Germany 2022-25

- Attended Lessons with Ofer Ben-Amots, Jan Jirasek
- Adjudicated 2025 Joseph Dorfman Composition Competition
- Winner, 2024 Joseph Dorfman Composition Competition
- Premiered Solo Flute Works, 2024-25
- *Trio for Flute, Cello, and Piano* (2025)
- *All of the Voices* (2024)
- *Breaking Point* (2023)
- *Water Skipper* (2022)

Selected Compositions

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| 2026 | <p><i>gone, but still here</i>, vocalizing string quartet [7']*</p> <p>Premiere: The Rhythm Method, Lake George, NJ, USA, 6/11/25</p>
<p><i>Zero Sum</i>, baritone, trumpet, trombone, bass clarinet [5']*</p> <p>Premiere: loadbang, Cambridge, MA, USA, 6/22/25</p> |
| 2025 | <p><i>on the way down</i>, large ensemble [6.5']</p> <p>Premiere: Old Bay New Music Baltimore, MD, USA, 12/7/25</p>
<p><i>Epilogue</i>, piano, ticking alarm, electronics [indeterminate'] *</p> <p>Premiere: Spooky Piano Music Recital, Baltimore, MD, USA, 10/31/25</p> <p>Eugene Difficult Music Ensemble NMF, Eugene, OR, 10/26</p> |
| 2024 | <p>Sonatina for Clarinet and Piano [16']*%</p> <p>Commission: Michael Fascetta</p> |

Premiere: Michael Fascetta, Angie Dragicescu, Newark, DE, USA, 4/21/24
 Yoshiaki Onishi, Matthew Kiple, University of Delaware Composer Showcase, 5/24
 Yoshiaki Onishi, Matthew Kiple, Composition Degree Recital, Newark, DE, USA, 10/13/25
 Brandon Gordon, DMA Recital, New Brunswick, NJ, USA, Fall 26

Commissioned Compositions

- 2025-26 *Reflections of a Life Together*, wind ensemble [30']
 Commission: Jess and Jim Sawall for Jim and Pam Sawall's 35th Anniversary
 Premiere: Jess Sawall, conductor, Newark, DE, USA 4/24/26
- 2024 *Escapade*, flute quartet [8']
 Commission: Abby Von Ohlen
 Premiere: Abby Von Ohlen, Degree Flute Recital, Newark, DE, USA, 10/5/24
- Sonatina for Clarinet and Piano [16']
 Commission: Michael Fascetta
 Premiere: Michael Fascetta, Angie Dragicescu, Newark, DE, USA, 4/21/24
- 2023 *String Quartet on Four Notes**%
 Commission: Dorothy Marks
 Premiere: Dorothy Marks, Junior Degree Recital Newark, DE, USA, 10/28/23

Completed Compositions

- 2026 *The Fog*, Tenor, Flute, Guitar [5']
 Premiere: Outward Ensemble, Wilmington, DE, USA, 9/5/26
 Outward Ensemble, Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Baltimore, MD, USA, 9/12/26
- My Tummy Hurts*, soprano, clarinet, 2 trumpets [2']*
 Premiere: Longy Divergent Studio, Cambridge, MA, USA, 6/22/25
- Zero Sum*, baritone, trumpet, trombone, bass clarinet [5']*
 Premiere: loadbang, Cambridge, MA, USA, 6/22/25
- gone, but still here*, vocalizing string quartet [7']*
 Premiere: The Rhythm Method, Lake George, NJ, USA, 6/11/25
- Blossom*, piano, wind quintet [7']*
 Recorded: Wallflower Winds, Patrick Flannery, Baltimore, MD, USA 2/26
- Reflections of a Life Together*, wind ensemble [30']*%
 Premiere: Jess Sawall, conductor, Newark, DE, USA 4/24/26
- 2025 *on the way down*, large ensemble [6.5']
 Premiere: Old Bay New Music Baltimore, MD, USA, 12/7/25
- Realizations*, mixed ensemble [8']
 Premiere: Peabody Composer's Ensemble, Baltimore, MD, USA, 11/16/25
- Epilogue*, piano, ticking alarm, electronics [indeterminate']*
 Premiere: Spooky Piano Music Recital, Baltimore, MD, USA, 10/31/25
 Eugene Difficult Music Ensemble NMF, Eugene, OR, 10/26

Sonorities, solo flute with amplification [7.5'] *

Premiere: Peabody Composition Department Recital, Baltimore, MD, USA, 10/15/25

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

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

Elyse Blaier, soprano 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

Escapade, flute quartet [8']*%

Commission: Abby Von Ohlen

Premiere: Abby Von Ohlen, Degree Flute Recital, Newark, DE, USA, 10/5/24

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

Happy Birthday Fantasy, piccolo and piano

Premiere: Robbie Strauss, Mark Livshits, Newark, DE, USA, 5/4/24

Sonatina for Clarinet and Piano [16']*%

Commission: Michael Fascetta

Premiere: Michael Fascetta, Angie Dragicescu, Newark, DE, USA, 4/21/24

Yoshiaki Onishi, Matthew Kiple, University of Delaware Composer Showcase, 5/24

Yoshiaki Onishi, Matthew Kiple, Composition Degree Recital, Newark, DE, USA, 10/13/25

Brandon Gordon, DMA Recital, New Brunswick, NJ, USA, Fall 26

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

Breaking Point, clarinet, cello, piano, and percussion [8']*

Premiere: ISAM Galakonzert, Ochsenhausen, BW, Germany, 8/14/23

Presentation, flute and cello [4']*%

Commission: University of Delaware End-of-year Awards, German area

Premiere: Robbie Strauss, Ray Pragman, Newark, DE, USA, 5/23

Variations on an Unstated Theme, solo violin, two percussionists [7']*%

Commission: Marcella Kile

Premiere: Marcella Kile, Graduate Degree Recital, Newark, DE, USA, 5/5/23

2022

Freehold Overture, grade 3 Concert Band [9']

Adrift, Woodwind Trio [7']*

Written for the Pine Trio

Premiere: Udel Chamber Recital, Pine Trio, Newark, DE, USA, 5/1/23

Nono in Vaguely F string octet, bagpipes [8']*

Premiere: Still Breathing Recital, Robbie Strauss, conductor, Newark, DE, USA, 12/3/22

Duets for Bored Flutists flute duet [5']*

Premiere: Still Breathing Recital, Newark, DE, USA, 9/30/22

2022

Forestly Stroll piccolo, bass clarinet, cello, vibraphone [7']*

Premiere: Still Breathing Recital, Newark, DE, USA, 9/30/22

Water Skipper 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

Serenade flute, clarinet, piano [8']

Written for Armonia Trio

2021

Main St. string quintet [6']*

Premiere: Still Breathing Recital, Newark, DE, USA, 11/30/21

Here I am woodwind quintet*

Premiere: Still Breathing Recital, Newark, DE, USA, 10/8/21

* = Performed

% = Commissioned

Flutist

Upcoming Performances

9/12/25 Outward Collective Premiere Concert, Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Baltimore, DE, USA
 9/5/25 Outward Collective Premiere Concert, Wilmington, DE, USA

Recent Performances

5/9/25 Wallflower Winds, Mt. Vernon Place United Methodist Church, Baltimore, MD, USA
 5/5/25 Old Bay New Music, Griswold Hall, Baltimore, MD, USA
 4/18/2025 Solo Recital: Salon! New Music, Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Baltimore, MD, USA
 2/25/26 Peabody Composition Department Recital
 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' *Poem* 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
Barrie, Quinlan Armstrong	Music for Alto Flute*
Berio, Luciano	Sequenza
Bozza, Eugène	Image, Op. 38
Cordell, Blake	Súile Foaroise*
Debussy, Claude.	Syrinx, L. 129
Flannery, Patrick	after creation*
Hillman, Kylan	Clipping*
Hoover, Katherine	Kokopelli
Hoover, Katherine	Winter Spirits
Iskander, Hayden	Innocence
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
Strauss, Robbie 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
Fauré, Gabriel	Fantasia, Op. 79
Gaubert, Phiiippe	Nocturne et Allegro Scherzando
Harberg, Amanda	Court Dances
Hindemith, Paul	Sonata for Flute and Piano
Kadar, Andrew	Three Pastoral Scenes*
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

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*^	Flute, Piccolo
Hillman, Kylan	The Good Times are Drifting Away*	
Ligeti, György	Sechs Bagatellen für Bläserquintett	
Nabors, Brian Raphael	Until Dawn	
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*	
Takemitsu, Toru	Rain Coming	Alto Flute
Tomasi, Henri	Cinq Danses Profanes e Sacrees	
Wright Bueno de Mesquita, Nathan	Six Mycological Miniatures	Flute, Piccolo
Xin, Ye	Lunaria*	

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	1 st Flute
Cuong, Viet	Re(new)al	2 nd Flute/Piccolo
Dorn, Henry	Transcendence*	1 st Flute
Maslanka, David	Symphony No. 4	1 st Flute
Resphigi, Ottorino	Huntingtower	1 st Flute
Schoenberg, Adam	Picture Studies	1 st Flute
Schwantner, Joseph	In Evening’s Stillness...	1 st Flute
Stravinsky, Igor	Suite from <i>Firebird</i>	1 st Flute
Benson, Warren	The Solitary Dancer	Piccolo
Corigliano, John	Gazebo Dances	Piccolo
Grantham, Donald	Southern Harmony	Piccolo

Work Experience

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