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Greater Boston Flute Association Announces *Solo & Ensemble Day*

—Popular event to be held March 26 in West Newton, MA

Woburn, MA – Monday, February 13, 2006 — GBFA, a nonprofit organization devoted to supporting the greater Boston flute community, today announced that it will hold its 2006 **Solo & Ensemble Day** event at the All Newton Music School, 321 Chestnut Avenue, Newton, MA on April 10th from 10 AM to 4 PM. (Those interested in this event are asked to please not call the school, but to contact GBFA for information. See contact information below.)

“This is one of our most popular events,” said Elizabeth Watson, the organization’s president. “NorthEast Winds is this year’s sponsor, along with co-sponsors Flute Arts, with Paul Harrington, and Vanessa Mulvey who will offer MasterClasses in *Practical Pedagogy for Flute*, including instruction and advice on playing posture, hand position, breathing & resonance, air stream, embouchure, and articulation. Participants planning to attend should know that space is limited and that we will register players on a first-come/first-served basis. Registration forms will be sent out upon request and are available online via our Important UPdates weblink at www.gbfa.org.”

GBFA’s Twelfth Annual **Solo & Ensemble Day** offers an opportunity for participants at any level to perform for a jury. “It’s different from a competition since everyone is a winner at their own level,” explained Ms. Watson. Solo performances are limited to 10 minutes, flute choirs and other ensembles to 15 minutes. Performers or performing groups receive Gold, Silver, Bronze, or Honorable Mention Certificates. Judges are established professionals from the New England region.

“This is *not* a members only event,” said Ray Bartkovech, Director of Member Services. “Everyone who plays and wants to play better is encouraged to participate.” GBFA has announced a program to help non-members save money—a Special GBFA Membership will be offered at reduced rates to non-members so that they can take advantage of the less expensive Member’s Performance fees. The program offers a reduced rate membership, good through 8/31/06, to those who join GBFA in conjunction with participating in Solo & Ensemble Day; those who take advantage of this program also get GBFA discounts when available and two free back-issues of their popular magazine, *The Gazette*.

“We’re hoping that those who might need a ride to this event will take advantage of our **Team UP & Show UP** program which tries to match those who need a ride with GBFA members in their area.”



Mission Statement

Greater Boston Flute Association is committed to achieving, through diverse and innovative programming, collaboration among all who have passion for the flute. Our mission is to utilize the flute as a means of celebrating our humanity, and to present cultural and educational opportunities for flutists and other interested community members.

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