

May Musician Feature-Jenny Robinson



Jenny Robinson joined the Kalamazoo Symphony as 3rd Flute/Piccolo in the 2016-17 season. She holds the same position with the Akron Symphony Orchestra. She has held positions with the Fort Wayne Philharmonic (Acting Principal Flute and Second Flute), Alabama Symphony (Assistant Principal Flute), Southwest Florida Symphony (Third Flute/Piccolo) and Oakland Symphony (Principal Flute). An active freelance musician, she has been a substitute flute/piccolo with the Chicago Lyric Opera, Detroit Symphony, Grand Rapids Symphony, Ann Arbor Symphony, Canton Symphony, Summit Choral Society, Miami City Ballet, Florida Grand Opera and American Ballet Theatre.

Jenny earned her BMus(Hons) degree at the Royal College of Music, London, where she received a full scholarship from the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music. She subsequently received a scholarship to attend San Francisco Conservatory of Music, where she received her M.M.

Jenny attended Music Academy of the West for two summers where she received a flute fellowship and was a winner in the MAW Concerto Competition. She received first place awards in the National Flute Association's Orchestral Audition Competition and the Flute Society of Washington's Piccolo Artist Competition. She was a prize winner in the Walfrid Kujala International Piccolo Competition, as well as at the National Flute Association High School and Piccolo Competitions. She also received an award from the National Foundation for the Advancement in the Artist and was named a Yamaha Young Performing Artist.

Jenny's teachers have included Mary Bell, Rae Yeager, George Pope, Susan Milan, Simon Channing, Paul Edmund-Davies, Stewart McIlwham, and Tim Day. She has performed in masterclasses with Mathieu Dufour, Jeanne Baxtresser, Mary Kay Fink and Robert Dick, among others.

Jenny really enjoys working with the KSO for many reasons-"my colleagues in the KSO are not only extremely talented and passionate about their work, but they are also such nice people to work with. It has been a great experience to work with such a strong woodwind section and also to play under the baton of Maestro Raymond Harvey. I always look forward to my trips to Kalamazoo for these reasons. I also love the rich musical and cultural scene in Michigan. When I come to Kalamazoo, I know that I will always have great music, food and coffee!"

Outside of her musical interests, Jenny is an avid runner, participating in distances from the 5k to the marathon. She also enjoys spending time with her non-musician boyfriend and her bichon poodle, Mischa.