

MARGARET SWINCHOSKI, flutist, began her musical studies at the age of nine in Vermont. She graduated with degrees and high honors both in Performing Arts and Music Education from Johnson State College, Johnson, Vermont and has been honored with their Outstanding Alumni Award. She received her Master of Arts degree from Aaron Copland School of Music at Queens College.

Currently principal flute with the NY Gilbert & Sullivan Orchestra, she has served as principal flutist with the Westchester and Harrisburg Symphony Orchestras, and travels to Ohio each summer to play principal flute with the Lancaster Festival Orchestra. Ms. Swinchoski is on the faculty of The Ridgewood Conservatory in Ridgewood, NJ and is newly appointed to the faculty of the Music School of Delaware in Milford, DE.

As a founding member of the **Palisades Virtuosi**, she has commissioned and premiered nearly 100 works for flute, clarinet & piano from such well-known composers as Paul Moravec, Melinda Wagner, Eric Ewazen, Carlos Franzetti, Robert Manno, Dan Cooper, Frank Ezra Levy & Allen Shawn among others. Palisades Virtuosi has concertized through the tri-state area and in Nevada, Hawaii and Canada. Volumes 1 thru 6 of PV's New American Masters series have been released by Albany Records and Volume 7 was recently released on the 4-Tay Records label. To date these recordings have received fantastic reviews, including being named to the Fanfare Magazine "Most Wanted" lists!

Recently moved to Delaware she has formed a new flute & harp duo, **Duo Dolce**, with Joy Slavens, and they have been performing throughout Sussex and Kent counties this year.

She was a featured soloist at the National Flute Association Convention in the World Premiere of Leo Kraft's "From The Hudson Valley" and also premiered Richard Lane's Flute Concerto with the Adelphi Chamber Orchestra. She has appeared as a concerto soloist with many other orchestras.

Ms. Swinchoski was presented in her debut recital by Artists International at Carnegie's Weill Recital Hall. Her solo debut CD "From The Hudson Valley" was released by Albany Records in 2000 and garnered rave reviews from "Fanfare" magazine and "American Record Guide". Ms. Swinchoski can also be heard on the Newport Classics, CRI and High Point labels.