

Suzanne Buerkle

Young American flutist and piccolo soloist Suzanne Buerkle is quickly ascending to the top of her profession as a versatile player, who is equally adept in the symphonic and opera orchestra repertoire as she is as a soloist and chamber musician. At home in a range of styles from the medieval to the contemporary, Ms. Buerkle is sought after as a freelancer and soloist, appearing at festivals around the country, and maintaining busy recital schedule, in a range of venues from coast to coast, throughout the year.

A native of Cincinnati, Ohio, Suzanne began her flute and piccolo studies with world renowned Piccoloist, Jack Wellbaum, of the Cincinnati Symphony and Cincinnati Conservatory of Music, followed by studies at Indiana University and University of Southern California with Thomas Robertello and Jim Walker. Ms. Buerkle is in her 10th year as Piccolo Soloist with the Baton Rouge Symphony Orchestra, and principal flute of the South Florida Symphony Orchestra, where she collaborates with talented musicians from all over the world.

An avid educator and mentor to aspiring flutists, Ms. Buerkle re-established the flute program as a distinguished Professor of Flute at Southeastern Louisiana University, and helped to develop and implement the music therapy program for children with autism in collaboration with the Baton Rouge Symphony. While managing a busy calendar of orchestral, chamber and solo engagements, Ms. Buerkle is also proud to have reinvigorated the band program at the St. Jude school in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, a city in which, through her work with the public Kid's Orchestra, she has also helped bring music of lasting value to children in under-served communities.

While in her tenure in California Ms. Buerkle studied Yoga with Bikram Choudhury, and has been a certified Bikram Yoga instructor since 2004. Under Bikram's guidance, she developed and now teaches a unique form of yoga called FLOGA, which addresses the particular needs of flutists, and musicians who engage an extraordinary use of breath technique.