

Stephen Buff

Music Education and Instrumental Performance

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Performing Experience:

- InterHarmony International Music Festival - Jul 2026
- Collegiate Ensembles -
 - Crane Wind Ensemble - Fall 2024 & Spring 2025
 - Crane Symphony Orchestra - Fall 2025 & Spring 2026
- Orchestra of Northern New York - Oct 2025
 - Performed as a Student Musician in the "Star-Crossed" Concerts on Flute & Piccolo
- American Music Abroad Liberty Tour - Jun 2023
 - Seven concerts as 1st Flute & Piccolo for Orchestra
- Pit Orchestra at CM Performing Arts Center - Nov 2021 ~ Dec 2022
 - Shows Subbed: Jesus Christ Superstar, The Wizard of Oz
- Nassau Suffolk Wind Symphony - 2021 ~ 2024
 - Auditioned and selected to perform on Flute & Piccolo



Work Experience:

Camp Counselor - Jul 2026

- Crane Youth Music

Crane Stage Manager - Jan 2026 ~ Present

- Completed maintenance in all performance halls, set up/strike ensemble arrangements
 - Stage Assistant - Jan 2025 ~ Dec 2025

Peer Tutor - Loughheed Learning Center - Jan 2025 ~ Present

- Guide students with coursework and reinforce materials in preparation for exams
- Music Theory & Aural Skills 1-4

Flute Instructor - Jan 2022 ~ Present

- Teaching private flute lessons to younger students

Academic Achievements:

- SUNY Potsdam President's List - Fall 2024 ~ Spring 2026, 4.0 GPA all semesters
- AP® Scholar with Distinction Award - Jul 2023, 2024

Leadership Roles:

- Crane Collegiate NAFME: Treasurer - Fall 2025 ~ Spring 2026; President - Fall 2026 ~ Spring 2027
 - 2026: NAFME Chapter of Excellence Award - Professional Development
- State Collegiate NYSSMA: Province 3 Representative - Fall 2026 ~ Spring 2027
- Tri-M Music Honor Society - May 2022 ~ Jun 2024, Treasurer

Competitions:

- 2026: NFA Collegiate Flute Choir Winner - Selected for Bass Flute
- 2024: Atlantic Wind Symphony Solo Competition Winner
- 2024: Northport Community Band Solo Competition - Finalist
- 2023: Long Island Flute Choir HS Solo Competition - Finalist
- 2023: Lyrical Flute International Championship - received "Highly Commended"
- 2021: New York Flute Club Young Musicians Contest - Red Ribbon

Private Lessons: with Dr. Jennifer Haley (Principal Flutist, Adelphi Symphony Orchestra)

- Dates studied: 2016-2024

Honor Bands/Ensembles:

- All-State: 2022, (alternate), 2023, Orchestra (Flute) & Band (Piccolo)
- NYSCAME: 2022 & 2023
- HMEA: 2019-2024
- NYSBDA: 2019-2023
- SCMEA: 2017, 2018, 2021

Community Bands:

- The No Doubt World Famous Monday Night Band: 2021 ~ Present
 - Performed at the Summer NYSSMA Conference in Albany, 2023
- Greenport Band: 2019 ~ Present
- Bay Shore Brightwaters Community Band: 2022, 2025

Volunteer Experience:

Tutor - Sep 2015 ~ May 2023

- Mentored and supported students to build their confidence and study skills
- Demonstrated patience while teaching difficult concepts
- Assessed students' strengths and weaknesses to create individualized lesson plans