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## Michele Tate

Michele Tate is a graduate of The Petrie School of Music at Converse College, from which she earned a Bachelor of Music Degree with honors in Violin Performance and a Master of Music Degree in Violin Performance. Michele has taught begin-

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# Amy Wooster Violin, Viola

A native of Chicago, Amy studied and apprenticed under Betty Haag (who was a student of Shinichi Suzuki). Amy holds a Bachelors degree in string pedagogy from Bob Jones University, where she performed with the



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## Jonathan Simmons



Jonathan Simmons is currently studying cello performance at Bob Jones University. With a variety of teaching experience, including the ARMES program, Jonathan offers both traditional and Suzuki style lessons to students age 5 and up. He has participated in master classes with prestigious musicians such as the Grammy award-winning Parker String Quartet and has attended the Masterworks Performing Arts Festival. Jonathan is passionate about providing quality music education to students of all

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# Julianne Ensley Flute

Holding degrees from both Mercer University and Clayton State University, Julianne Ensley, Nationally Certified Teacher of Music, began learning flute at age 10. Her adult flute study began with Catherine Bull, principal flutist of the Atlanta Baroque Orchestra, then for the



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#### Marj Malphrus Oboe

Marjorie Malphrus is originally from Toledo, Ohio. Mrs. Malphrus attended Montclair State University in New Jersey where she received her BA degree in Music Education. She taught and freelanced in the NJ/NY area before entering grad school at. Bowling

Green State University. After moving to SC in the 1990's, she taught for many years in the Greenville County Schools; she is currently the Band Director for St. Joseph's Catholic School. Mrs. Malphrus enjoys playing with the Upstate Winds and other free-lance playing. You can reach Marj at:

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# Jacqueline Olinger Clarinet, Saxophone

Jackie Olinger was born in Greenville, and holds a BMus in Clarinet Performance from Bob Jones University. She started piano lessons at age 6 and clarinet lessons at age 12. In high school she played clarinet with the



Young Artist Orchestra of the Greenville County Youth Orchestra, and in college she performed as principal clarinet with the BJU Symphony Orchestra, Woodwind Choir, and Symphonic Wind Band. While in school Jackie also studied piano, saxophone, bass clarinet, and Eb clarinet. You can reach Jackie at:

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## Kory Vrieze Woodwinds

Kory received his B.M. in Music Ed from Berry College and did graduate studies at University of South Dakota. He taught band for many years, in SD, GA, NC and SC, most recently at Riverside HS. In 2010 was named the



Artistic Director of the Foothills Philharmonic in Greenville.

In addition to teaching, Kory enjoys performing and has played principal clarinet in the Huron Symphony, the Golden Isles Symphony and the Cherokee Symphony. Currently, he performs on clarinet and saxophone in the area, in groups such as Upstate Winds and the Greenville Jazz Ensemble. You can reach Kory at:

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# Chris Imhoff

A native of Cincinnati, Chris holds a Bachelors degree in Trumpet Performance from Ohio University and a Masters degree in Trumpet Performance from Indiana University. Chris

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