



# WELCOME TO THE FANTASTICAL FLUTE

A SMALL INTRODUCTION AND  
HISTORY OF THE FLUTE

# The Flute

## OLDEST WOODWIND INSTRUMENT

- Originated from China back in 900 B.C.
- Considered part of the 'woodwind family' because it was originally made from wood
- Seen as a "courtly" instrument in the Renaissance period
- Highest voice in the woodwind family

## DID YOU KNOW?...

- The Flute can play almost any style of music (classic, orchestral, marching, pop and jazz)
- Flute players make excellent Tuba players! - because they train their lungs in the same style as large brass instrumentalists
- The style of Flute we see today wasn't adopted until 1841 by Theobald Boehm
- There are 4 different types of Flutes: Piccolo, Flute, Alto and Bass

## FAMOUS FLUTE PLAYERS (YES, THEY PLAYED IN BAND, TOO!)

Halle Berry, Alanis Morissette, Gwen Stefani, Tina Fey, Celine Dion, and John Quincy Adams (6th president of the USA)

## HELPFUL LINKS

### Why the Flute?

**Famous piece featuring the Flute**  
**"The Bird" from Peter and the Wolf**

**Step 1: Forming the correct embouchure**

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