

RAFA SOLO AND ENSEMBLE FEST GUIDELINES

April 25, 2026

11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Ravenscroft School, 7409 Falls of Neuse Road, Raleigh

Registration deadline: 11:59 p.m., March 25

Deadline for video submissions: 11:59 p.m., April 17

This is an in-person event with an option to submit videos for those who choose not to appear in person.

Participants can choose to enter the solo and/or ensemble category.

Solo participants must prepare all requirements in their chosen grade level: repertoire (solo), study/etude, and scales.

Ensemble participants prepare one ensemble piece; no etude or scales are required for ensembles. Note that every member of the ensemble must submit a separate registration and pay the ensemble fee.

For in-person participation, piano accompaniment is required unless the solo is written for unaccompanied flute; the participant must provide their own pianist. A participant submitting a recorded video may use piano accompaniment, pre-recorded backing track, or other electronic format.

The publishers and editions specified on the repertoire list are suggestions; the participant may use different editions from the ones specified.

Memorization is not required for either the solo or etude, but the scales must be memorized.

Examiners will evaluate the performance according to overall accuracy and musicianship. Each participant will receive one of these four designations:

- Superior performance (receives a trophy)
- Excellent performance (receives a medal)
- Very good performance (receives a smaller medal)
- Good performance (receives a pin)

Examiners' decisions are final.

VIDEO RECORDING REQUIREMENTS:

- **Video participants will be notified by email of the required scales approximately one week before the deadline for video submissions.**
- The video must show the participant's face, hands, and flute at all times.
- If the solo is written with piano accompaniment, the participant must perform with piano accompaniment, pre-recorded backing track, or other electronic format.
- Use one of the following video formats: .mov, .mpeg4, .mp4, .avi, .wmv
- Do not submit 4K video files.
- To avoid submitting files that are excessively large, use video quality no higher than 1080p. If possible, keep the file size below 5 GB. The sound quality is more important than the video quality.
- Record the scales, etude, and solo as three separate files. Label each file as follows:
 - *Firstname_Lastname-Scales*
 - *Firstname_Lastname-Etude*
 - *Firstname_Lastname-Solo*
- Video recordings must be submitted through the submission form at www.rafaflutes.org/contests/solo-and-ensemble **no later than 11:59 p.m., Friday, April 17, 2026.**

Questions should be directed to Anne Dyke at annedyke64@gmail.com.