

Rhonda Larson

Biography

Rhonda Larson is a Grammy Award-winning player of the flute, born and raised in the mountains of Montana. Growing up in this wild-west Big Sky Country helped form Rhonda into a free-spirited, nature-loving, trail blazing artist. She entered the national music scene by winning first prize in the National Flute Association's Young Artist Competition at the age of 22, including a Carnegie Hall debut. Shortly thereafter, Rhonda was invited to join forces with the Paul Winter Consort, initiating her journey into a rich palette of music gleaned from around the world, culminating six years later in winning a Grammy Award.

Composing much of her own music, Larson's visionary force showcases her gold flute and an array of world flutes in a new and refreshing light. Rhonda has also expanded the sonic capabilities of her instrument in producing entirely new techniques, most notably her inventive flute-and-voice unison, performed simultaneously.

Ms. Larson has performed world-wide, and conducted masterclasses at universities and flute organizations. As a recording artist, Rhonda has a discography of over 20 commercial recordings, including three solo recordings with her band, *Ventus*: 'Free as a Bird', 'Distant Mirrors', and her latest release, 'Live from China', recorded in a twenty-five city tour throughout China.

These days, Rhonda teaches and performs exclusively online. She owns and operates her publishing company, *Wood Nymph Music*, producing her sheet music compositions, including graphic design and distribution.

Ms. Larson performed on a live CBS finale episode of 'Survivor' from Madison Square Garden's, seen by over 40 million viewers, and is featured in "Flute Stories--101 Inspirational Stories from the World's Best Flute Players" publication. She is a former Board member of the National Flute Association, and currently serves on the Board of the World Flute Society.

Rhonda and her husband Dr. Lee J. deLisle live in Connecticut, and part-time at their home in the medieval village of Rocantica, Italy. When not playing the flute, Rhonda can be found out-doors.

You can learn more about Rhonda from her website at: **www.RhondaLarson.com**