



An energetic musician and educator, **Amanda Lyon** holds a Master of Arts degree in Flute Performance and Pedagogy from the University of Iowa where she studied extensively with renowned flutist, Nicole Esposito. Based in St. Petersburg, Florida, Amanda is a Florida native and earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in Flute Performance under the tutelage of Dr. Kim McCormick at the University of South Florida. In addition to her educational studies, Amanda has performed in masterclasses and workshops with such prominent artists as Walfrid Kujala, Jim Walker, Sarah Jackson, Aaron Goldman, Gary Schocker, Horacio Parravicini, Nicola Mazzanti, Zart Dombourian-Eby, GERALYN Coticone, Alberto Almarza, and Francesca Arnone.

Amanda is known for her excellent collaborative skills with other musicians, performing in many ensembles; including FluteAmici, Rose City Flute Choir, "ARTrio" Woodwind Trio, "Armada" Flute and Bassoon Duo, and the Florida Flute Orchestra. Currently, Amanda is Principal Flute in the South Shore Symphony Orchestra and plays piccolo in the Tampa Bay Symphony. Prior to moving to St. Petersburg, Amanda maintained a varied performing schedule that included directing the Gulf Coast Flute Choir, and playing flute and piccolo in the Sarasota Concert Band, Florida Wind Band, South Shore Symphony Orchestra, weddings, events, sacred services, and various solo and pit orchestra performances. She was also a substitute piccolo player for the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra. In previous years, Amanda has performed with the Cedar Rapids Municipal Band, the Jim McDonough Orchestra, and Distinguished Concerts International New York. Amanda has also worked as a recording artist with Pro-Series Elite Practice System and the Walt Disney Company; Celebrate You Program.

Amanda is a full-time music educator in Pinellas County Schools where she teaches a variety of instrumental and general music classes to ages 5 - 22. She has worked in private and public schools in Manatee County, and has taught private and group lessons for West Music Company, Griggs Music, Marion Music Academy, Senior Center of Iowa City (New Horizons Band), and Paul Effman Music Service. Professional memberships include the National Flute Association, Florida Flute Association, Florida Bandmasters Association, National Association for Music Educators, and Sigma Alpha Iota; International Music Fraternity for Women.

Amanda performs on the Miyazawa Vision and the Hammig Piccolo.