

CFC Flute Festival Frequently Asked Questions

How do I get to the Festival?

A "Flute Festival Transportation Guide" is available on our website's Festival page. The guide includes public transportation suggestions, driving directions, as well as parking information and rates.

Where do I park?

Hotel Orrington offers valet parking. An Evanston public parking garage is one block from the hotel on the corner of Church Street and Chicago Avenue. Enter from Church or Clark east of Chicago Avenue. Guests can drive to Hotel Orrington, unload and check-in then move their vehicle to the public lot should they so desire.

How much does parking cost?

Hotel Orrington valet parking is \$20 overnight with unlimited in and out privileges. Hourly rates for Evanston city garages range up to \$13 for 24 hours on Friday and Saturday and are free all day Sunday.

What should I wear to the Festival?

We suggest nice, casual clothes and comfortable shoes.

Should I bring my flute?

That's really up to you. There will be opportunities for you to use your flute in workshops, but many people like to have their hands free to try our exhibitor's instruments. Be aware that we will not have a security room for you to leave your instrument and we can not be responsible for your belongings.

Why should I pre-register?

Pre-registering helps us to print your Festival badge in advance, eases congestion at the registration table, and saves you \$5 on a two-day admission. Remember the pre-registration must be postmarked by September 25 to receive the \$5 discount.

May I write one check for everything when I pre-register?

Except for parking, yes. Membership dues, Festival fees, & the banquet fee may all be sent to the Festival Registration Chairperson for your convenience.

Will I get a receipt when I pre-register?

The Festival Registration Chairperson will email you a receipt after entering your information into our data base. It will be delivered as a PDF file attachment readable by Adobe Reader. Instructions for downloading a free version of Adobe Reader are included if you need to install this software. If you do not have access to email, a printed copy of your receipt can be handed to you with your registration badge at the Festival registration table if you request so in advance.

What if I lost my pre-registration form or need additional forms?

Visit our web site at www.chicagofluteclub.org.

What if I miss the September 25 deadline?

We encourage you to still pre-register, but will not receive the discount. Your badge will be pre-printed and available at the Festival.

If I don't pre-register, may I register at the Festival?

Yes. A membership registration table will be set up at the Festival for you to pay your fees. Your badge won't be pre-printed. Be aware the banquet registration deadline is October 30.

Do I need to be a member of the Chicago Flute Club to attend the Flute Festival?

We welcome non-members to attend the Festival. Fees for both members and non-members are indicated on the pre-registration form.

What are the advantages of membership?

Chicago Flute Club members receive 4 issues of our quarterly newsletter, *Pipeline*, reduced fees for the Flute Festival, and free admission for themselves and a guest for all other CFC events for one year. Visit our website www.chicagofluteclub.org for the current events schedule.

Membership runs September 1 through August 31 of the following year.

Do I qualify as the parent or guardian of a student attendee?

If you are the parent or guardian of a student attendee who is providing transportation for your child, we have a reduced fee for your attendance. You should pre-register on the student's form and provide your name for your badge. You may also take advantage of our \$5 discount on two-day admission if you register by our September 25 deadline.

Do I need an admission ticket?

All attendees will be given a Festival badge. Badges are color-coded for the day(s) attending and will serve as your admission to events. Pin-on badges should be worn at all times during the Festival. Lanyards with a bulldog style clip will be available for \$2.

Is anyone exempt from Festival admission fees?

Accompanists, judges, and presenters are admitted free. All performers, including flute choirs and their conductors, are admitted free of charge to their events ONLY. These performers would need to pay Festival admission to attend any other events. Competition finalists and masterclass performers also receive free admission for up to 6 immediate family members to attend their event ONLY.

When will I get my badge?

Pre-printed badges can be picked up at the membership/registration table at the Festival.

Is there a deadline for registering for the banquet?

October 30, 2009

What's for dinner at the Banquet?

The banquet buffet entrees include Chicken Persillade with Champagne Dijon Cream and Fire-roasted Beef Tenderloin with Caramelized Onion and Oregano Jus. Please indicate if you have special dietary needs (Vegetarian, Kosher, etc.) on your pre-registration form.

Should I volunteer for the Festival?

Yes! Not only will you be helping the club immensely, you'll get to meet interesting people and network with other flutists. Mark the box in the bottom left-hand corner of your pre-registration form "Yes, I would like to volunteer!" and our coordinator will contact you.