



## Musician Profile: Flutist Rohan Focer

### **Tell us a little bit about yourself and your life as a musician.**

I've been playing the flute for around 5 years. I really like the power it gives you to express yourself and your real deep-down emotions, not just your thoughts and beliefs. I love playing and composing.

### **What projects are you involved with now that particularly excite you?**

Currently I'm involved with my school's wind ensemble, and of course I'm really excited for the upcoming Metropolitan Youth Symphony concert.

### **What's on your music stand lately? What pieces are you learning?**

A couple of things I'm playing in wind ensemble are "Suite in Eb for Military Band", "March of the Belgian Parachutists", and "Prelude, Siciliano, and Rondo." For solos, I'm working on Caprice No. 24 slowly but surely.

### **What music have you played recently or recordings have you listened to that you'd like to share with GPFS members?**

I think everyone should listen to Badinerie played by the Croatian Baroque Ensemble. Absolutely amazing baroque flute in that recording.

### **Who is your favorite flutist?**

Jethro Tull, for sure.

### **What kind of flute(s) do you play?**

99% of the time I'm on the good 'ol C flute, but I play bass flute from time to time.

### **Favorite book you've read or movie you've seen lately? Or, what do you like to do when you are not making music?**

Recently finished "These Truths" by Jill Lepore, and I would strongly recommend it.