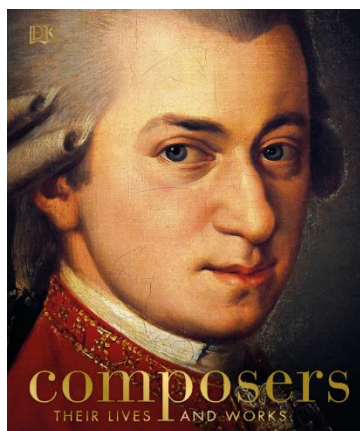




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Reviewed by BJ Nicoletti

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On the composer Telemann - “His mother disapproved of his passion for music, and confiscated his musical instruments; like Handel, who was 50 miles south in Halle, he practiced and composed in secret.” (pg. 53) So, two composers who wrote works for flute that we play today, composed in secret. Imagine if that was the biggest worry we had with youth these days - “Are you composing in secret again!?!?”

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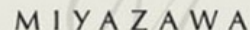
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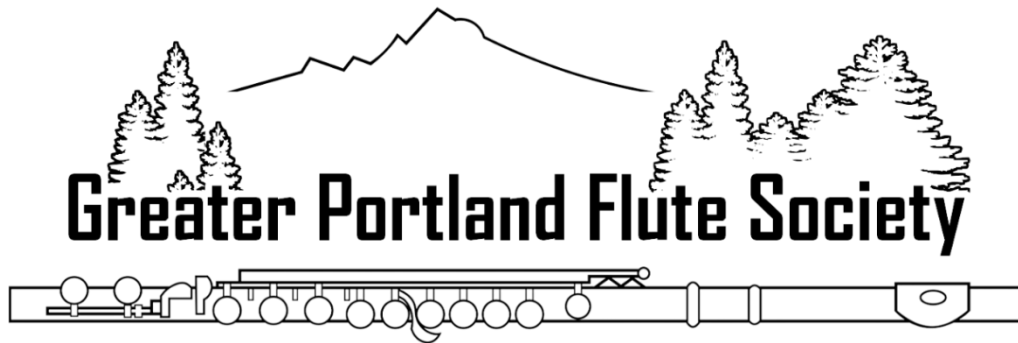
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