BIOGRAPHIES

Robyn Leadbitter, Adjunct Professor of Flute

Robyn was awarded a Bachelor of Music Degree from The University of SC in 1988. While there she studied flute under Dr. Constance Lane and was awarded a "Performance Certificate" in Flute. She performed as Principal and Co-Principal Flutist with the USC Symphonic Band, Wind Ensemble and Orchestra! She also held the 3rd flute/piccolo position with the SC Philharmonic Orchestra from 1986-1988. After graduation Mrs. Leadbitter joined the US Air Force where she performed as Principal Flutist with the USAF Field Band at Travis Air Force Base, CA until 1992. While in California she had the opportunity to study flute with Jeffrey Day and Lloyd Gowan of the San Francisco Symphony Orch. as well as Isabelle Chapius of the San Jose Opera Orchestra. Upon returning to the Columbia area in 1992, Mrs. Leadbitter opened a private studio teaching middle and high school flutists and began an active career in free-lance work. Currently she is the Adjunct Professor of Flute at Columbia College, Principal Flutist with the Palmetto Concert Band and a member of the Goodwinds Wind Quintet. She is also frequently in demand as a performer for church services, weddings, receptions, with chamber groups and choral societies and orchestras throughout the state. Mrs. Leadbitter resides in Blythewood with her husband and son.

Kathryn Brown, Adjunct Professor of Clarinet

Ms. Brown is currently a doctoral candidate and the Graduate Teaching Assistant in Clarinet under Joseph Eller at the University of SC as well as Adjunct Professor of Clarinet at Columbia College. She completed her Master of Music Degree at the University of Georgia (2008) where she was the Graduate Teaching Assistant in Clarinet under Dr. D. Ray McClellan. Prior to her studies at UGA, Ms. Brown began her graduate studies with Scott Andrews (Principal Clarinet, Saint Louis SO) at the Boston Conservatory as a scholarship recipient (2004-2005). She was awarded her Bachelor of Music Degree in Clarinet Performance from East Carolina University (2003) where she was the A.J. Fletcher Scholarship recipient and winner of the ECU Concerto Competition (2002). While at ECU, Ms. Brown studied with Christopher Grymes and Dr. Nathan Williams. She has performed with the NC Symphony, the Charleston SO, the SC Philharmonic, Symphony Orchestra Augusta, the Athena Grand Opera, the Metrowest SO, and the Eastern Carolina SO. Ms. Brown is currently Principal Clarinet in the University of South Carolina Wind Ensemble and has also performed in the top concert bands at the University of GA, the Boston Conservatory and ECU. She has more than a decade of private teaching experience in SC, NC and GA, and recently completed her second summer teaching technique classes to middle school students at the Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp in Twin Lakes, Michigan. Ms. Brown enjoys working with students of all ages and levels of experience.