The

Dahlia Flute Duo

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~ ABOUT THE ARTISTS

Described as "exquisite," "inspiring," "consummate musicians," the Dahlia Flute Duo is sought after as performers, lecturers, and clinicians. Mary Matthews and Melissa Wertheimer formed the Duo at the Peabody Institute of the Johns Hopkins University. The ensemble has been featured at Mannes' Institute & Festival for Contemporary Performance, Artscape, the Baltimore Book Festival, the Sowebo Music and Arts Festival, and First Night Dover, as well as the Candlelight Concert Society Community Outreach Series. The Dahlia Flute Duo regularly performs at the Walters Art Museum for First Fridays, the Adult Lecture Series, and formal recitals. The ensemble has performed as guest artists at the Baldwin-Wallace College Conservatory in Ohio and the Eastman School of Music Preparatory Program in Rochester, NY. Additional performances include publicity events held by Baltimore's Wide Angle Youth Media and the Baltimore Office of Promotion and the Arts.

Consistent grant recipients, the Dahlia Flute Duo strives to share their love of classical and contemporary flute music with a wide array of audiences. They were awarded a Creative Baltimore Artist Grant, co-sponsored by the Baltimore Office of Promotion and the Arts, the Maryland State Arts Council, and the Office of the Mayor of Baltimore City. The Duo also received a Yamaha In-Residence Fellowship from the College Music Society and two Peabody Career Development Grants. The Flute Society of Washington, DC, selected the Dahlia Flute Duo to present a lecture-recital at the 2010 Mid-Atlantic Flute Fair in Reston, VA.

Avid performers of the double flute concerto genre, the Dahlia Flute Duo was awarded the Honorable Mention in the 2010 Mary Graham Lasley Scholarship Competition of the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra. The Duo also performed as finalists in the Coeur D'Alene Symphony Orchestra's 2010 Young Artist Competition in Spokane, WA.

Mary Matthews earned her M.M. in Flute Performance from the Peabody Institute (Baltimore, MD) and a B.M. in Flute Performance from the Baldwin-Wallace Conservatory (Berea, OH).

Melissa Wertheimer earned her M.M. in Piccolo Performance from the Peabody Institute and a B.M. in Flute Performance from Ithaca College (Ithaca, NY).