

2025-2026 Formal Bio

Dan Parasky is a dedicated flutist with a profound commitment to music education. In September 1999, he established The Parasky Flute Studios, a venture that fostered numerous prizewinners and finalists in national, regional, and local competitions. Students from his studio have participated in international tours with the Pittsburgh Youth Symphony Orchestra and the Three Rivers Young Peoples Orchestra (TRYPO). Mr. Parasky also serves as an adjunct faculty member at Duquesne University.

As a sought-after clinician, Mr. Parasky has presented at esteemed events such as the National Flute Convention, the Mid-Atlantic Flute Convention, and the International Low Flutes Festival, as well as at colleges and universities throughout the United States. His educational clinics encompass pedagogical approaches, flute choir repertoire and techniques, the entrepreneurial aspects of managing a private music studio, and performance-focused masterclasses.

An active performer, Mr. Parasky, engages as a soloist, chamber musician, and guest conductor. A passionate advocate for contemporary music, he has commissioned over ten new works, leading to their world premiere performances. He co-founded the PM Woodwind Project, a flute and clarinet duo, and has performed with the National Flute Association (NFA) Professional Flute Choir, the International Low Flute Festival Professional Flute Choir, and as a guest soloist with the TRYPO Wind Ensemble. Mr. Parasky has collaborated with internationally renowned musicians including Lucinda Williams, Warren Haynes, Gareth McLearnon, Kelly Zimba Lukić, Megan Ensor, Cobus du Toit, Bart Feller, Cassandra Eisenreich, and Naomi Seidman. His guest conducting engagements include the Mid-Atlantic High School Flute Choir in 2014, 2019, 2021, and 2022, the NFA Virtual High School Flute Choir in 2021, and the NFA combined High School/Collegiate Flute Orchestra in 2022. During his tenure as the Convention Flute Choir Coordinator for the NFA's annual conventions from 2021 to 2025, he initiated and significantly expanded the NFA Flute Ensemble Festival.

Mr. Parasky holds a Master of Music in Music Education from Boston University and an undergraduate degree in Music Performance from Duquesne University. He resides in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, with his wife, Jackie, and enjoys running, gaming, and exploring various aspects of "nerd culture."

A Wm. S. Haynes Artist, Mr. Parasky performs on a custom-designed 10k/14k gold flute featuring a 14k N-cut head joint with a platinum riser, a 10k gold body with silver mechanism, split E and C# trill keys, and 14k gold ribs, posts, and D# roller. He also performs on alto flute and piccolo from the Haynes-Amadeus line.

For further information, please visit paraskyflutestudios.com.

2025-2026 Sketch Bio

Dan Parasky is a passionate flutist and dedicated educator. Founder of The Parasky Flute Studios (est. 1999), his students have achieved success in numerous competitions and performed internationally. He is also an adjunct faculty member at Duquesne University.

A sought-after clinician, Mr. Parasky has presented at national and international flute events and universities nationwide, covering pedagogy, flute choir, studio management, and performance.

As an active performer, Mr. Parasky is a soloist, chamber musician, and guest conductor with a focus on contemporary music, having commissioned over ten new works. He co-founded the PM Woodwind Project and has performed with ensembles such as the NFA Professional Flute Choir and the TRYPO Wind Ensemble, collaborating with renowned artists. He has guest-conducted various honor flute ensembles for the Mid-Atlantic Flute Convention and the National Flute Association. From 2021-2025, he launched and expanded the NFA Flute Ensemble Festival as the Convention Flute Choir Coordinator.

Mr. Parasky holds degrees from Boston University and Duquesne University and resides in Pittsburgh, PA. He is a Wm. S. Haynes Artist, performing on a custom 10k/14k gold flute and Haynes-Amadeus alto and piccolo flutes.

2025-2026 Three-Hundred Character Bio

Dan Parasky is a Wm. S. Haynes Artist, flutist, educator, and founder of The Parasky Flute Studios. His students have won competitions and toured internationally. An adjunct faculty at Duquesne University, he's a sought-after clinician and active performer in solo, chamber, and conducting roles, specializing in new music. paraskyflutestudios.com

The Not So Serious Stuff...

I am married to my high school sweetheart Jackie. Marching band brought us into each other's lives. We love the outdoors, cooking, and all things about staying organized. I am an avid runner that came to the sport late in life and ran my first full marathon in November 2019 in Las Vegas. Video games are my passion (especially retro 80's games) but nowadays you'll find me sneaking in Destiny any time I can. If professional gaming was a thing when I was younger, that might have been my dream job instead of running The Parasky Flute Studios. Honestly, anything nerd culture is my thing!