

EXPERIENCE

SEPTEMBER 1999 - PRESENT

OWNER, PARASKY FLUTE STUDIOS

Founded a studio of private students that have won positions in honors ensembles, solo competitions, and workshops at the local, regional, national, and international level.

AUGUST 2021- PRESENT

FLUTE CHOIR DIRECTOR, DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY

Direct the university flute choir that consists of both music and non-music majors for at least one formal performance per semester.

JULY 2024 - PRESENT

ARTIST, WM. S. HAYNES CO.

Joined the roster of Haynes Artists which are an international family of elite musicians across different genres and styles of music who are active performers and inspiring leading educators in the music industry.

JANUARY 2022 - MAY 2024

INSTRUCTOR OF APPLIED FLUTE, WESTMINSTER COLLEGE

Taught music majors (performance and education) and music minors their undergraduate applied flute lessons.

AUGUST 2023 - DECEMBER 2023

PROFESSOR OF CAREER PERSPECTIVES IN MUSIC, DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY

Taught performance majors about the various career options available to them.

JUNE 2022 - AUGUST 2022

INSTRUCTOR OF APPLIED FLUTE, CARNEGIE MELLON UNIVERSITY

Taught five students their applied flute lessons as a part of the Carnegie Mellon University summer pre-college program while the regular instructor was on sabbatical.

JANUARY 2019 - MARCH 2019

INSTRUCTOR OF APPLIED FLUTE, SLIPPERY ROCK UNIVERSITY

Taught eleven music majors (performance, education, and therapy) their undergraduate applied flute lessons while the teacher was on sabbatical.

SEPTEMBER 2012 - SEPTEMBER 2019

FOUNDING MEMBER, PM WOODWIND PROJECT

The PM Woodwind Project is a flute and clarinet chamber duo committed to sharing music for the unique combination of instruments with the public.

EDUCATION**MAY 2007****M.M. MUSIC EDUCATION,** BOSTON UNIVERSITY

Thesis: Understanding by Design; a two-year curriculum preparing private flute students to pursue music at the undergraduate level.

DECEMBER 2001**B.M. FLUTE PERFORMANCE,** DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY

Honors: Cum Laude, 3.7 cumulative GPA, Dean's List and National Dean's List

Scholarships: Minnie Hyman, Alfred D. Auberger, Presidential Merit

2025-2026 Long 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 an adjunct faculty member at Duquesne University.

A sought-after clinician, Mr. Parasky has presented at national/international flute conferences and at universities nationwide covering pedagogy, flute choir, studio management, giving master classes and has been the featured artist at flute day forums/festivals.

As an active performer, Parasky is a soloist, chamber musician, and guest conductor with a focus on contemporary music. He has performed with the National Flute Association (NFA) Professional Flute Choir, the International Low Flute Choir and as a guest soloist with the TRYPO Wind Ensemble. Parasky has collaborated with 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 annual conventions, he initiated and significantly expanded the Flute Ensemble Festival.

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." He is a Wm. S. Haynes Artist, performing on a custom 10k/14k gold flute and an alto flute and piccolo from the Haynes-Amadeus line.

For further information, please visit paraskyflutestudios.com.

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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!