



## Joe LaRocca

Multi-Wind Specialist. Multi-Genre Artist. Composer

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Joe LaRocca, a native of Chicago Illinois, is a dynamic multi-wind player highly skilled on flute, piccolo, clarinet, saxophone, recorder, bagpipes, pan flute, dizi, bansuri, ocarina, tin whistle, and electronic wind instruments, with symphonic, theatrical, and improvisatory experience. His diverse repertoire reaches far beyond the realm of standard western concert music, spanning from rock to baroque. Joe has extensively studied and performed multiple idioms of world music and modern American music to include jazz, R&B/soul, Arabic classical, Latin Jazz, Brazilian, Venezuelan, Chinese, rock, Scottish highland, and Irish traditional music.

He has studied under and performed with renowned musicians in these idioms to include; Marco Granados, Ruben Alvarez, Omar Al-musfi, Issam Rafea, Issa Boulos, Kinan Abou-afach, Jui-Ching Wang, Jiaqi Li, John McGann, Patrick Cannady, Ron Bowen, John Christopher Paris, Harry Skoler, Ryan Muncy, and others. He was former Reed 1 on the Jesus Christ Superstar 50th Anniversary National Tour performing on tenor sax, flute and clarinet. He is formerly principal flutist of the DuBois Orchestra, the Belmont Festival Orchestra, and section flute in Boston Chamber Symphony, as well as a regular sub for a number of orchestras around Massachusetts. Joe is currently on the advisory board of the Du Bois Orchestra, an organization in Cambridge, MA that is dedicated to elevating the works of underrepresented composers into the canon of classical music.

### PROFESSIONAL PERFORMANCE HISTORY

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- 2023**      **The Band's Visit at Huntington Theater** • reed 1/onstage woodwind player
- Performed on alto flute, clarinet, bass clarinet, and tenor saxophone under the musical direction of Jose Delgado
  - Performed mostly on stage with memorized music and Arabic/klezmer-style improvisation
- 2023**      **The Lehman Trilogy Repertory Theater of St. Louis** • onstage woodwind player
- Performed a remounted version of the Huntington Theater production, restaged for a thrust theater
- 2023-present**      **The Lehman Trilogy at Huntington Theater** • onstage woodwind player
- Performed as an onstage musician on clarinet, saxophones, flutes, and electronic wind controller, and other instruments under the coordination of Mark Bennett and direction of Carey Perloff
  - Performed the majority of the play on stage memorizing music, playing alongside backing tracks, and blocking alongside the actors
  - Provided improvisatory and compositional material throughout the rehearsal process
- 2018–present**      **Pit Musician Freelance Work**
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mary Poppins, reed 1</li><li>• Matilda, reed 1</li><li>• Beauty and the Beast, reed 1</li><li>• 9 to 5, reed 1</li><li>• Anastasia, reed 1</li><li>• Fun Home, reed 1</li><li>• Rocky Horror Picture Show, reed 1</li><li>• A Man of No Importance, reed 1</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Music Man, reed 1</li><li>• The Secret Garden, reed 1</li><li>• Les contes d'Hoffmann, flute 1</li><li>• The Magic Flute, flute 1</li><li>• La sonnambula, flute 1</li><li>• Fidelio, flute 1</li><li>• Nine, reed 1</li><li>• Legally Blonde, reed 1</li></ul> |
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- 2022–2022**      **Beautiful: The Carole King Musical—Ogunquit Playhouse** • reed 2
- Performed on flute, clarinet, tenor sax, and baritone sax for over 50 performances under the direction of Nick Williams

- 2019–2022**     **Jesus Christ Superstar National Tour** • woodwinds
- Performed over 450 shows for the 50th anniversary tour of Jesus Christ Superstar around the United States on tenor saxophone, flute, and clarinet
  - Featured on stage as a costumed soloist in multiple locations with staged blocking, memorized music, and varied improvisation
- 2016–2023**     **DuBois Orchestra** • principal flute/piccolo
- Sat principal flute and piccolo for multiple seasons under Kai Johannes Polzhoffer, Nathaniel Meyer, and Dominique Hoskin
  - Successfully performed works to include Florence Price's 1st symphony, Beethoven's 3rd, 4th, 6th, and 7th symphonies, Mahler 3, Dvorak 9, Petite Suite by Samuel Coleridge Taylor, Copland's Appalachian Spring for 13 Musicians, and others
- 2022–present**     **Cape Anne Symphony** • substitute flute/piccolo
- Regularly sub on flute and piccolo under the direction of Yoichi Udagawa
- 2016–2019**     **Metropolitan Wind Symphony** • principal piccolo
- Sat principal piccolo for a range of significant wind ensemble pieces under the baton of Lewis J. Buckley
- 2016–2019**     **Boston Chamber Symphony** • piccolo/tutti flute
- Performed heavily on piccolo under the direction of Avlana Eisenberg

## EDUCATION

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**Artist Diploma in Flute Performance** • Longy School of Music

**Master of Music in Multi-Wind Performance** • Northern Illinois University

**Bachelor of Music in Saxophone Performance** • Columbia College Chicago

## INSTRUMENTS

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Flute (Piccolo, C, Alto, Bass) • Saxophone (SATB) • Clarinet (Bb, A, Eb, Bass) • Traverso Flute (Baroque, Renaissance) • Recorder (SSATB) • Bagpipes (Highland, Medieval) • Tin Whistle • Dizi • Hulusi • Ocarina • Pan Flute • Bansuri • Electronic Wind Instruments (Akai EWI 5000, Roland Aerophone AE-30)

## WORLD MUSIC EXPERIENCE

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- 2015–2019**     **Middle Eastern Music Ensemble** • sax/flute/clarinet
- 2016–2019**     **Ensemble de la Fuego—Venezuelan Quartet** • sax/flute/clarinet
- 2015–2016**     **Latin Jazz Ensemble** • sax/flute/clarinet
- 2015–2016**     **Choro Ensemble** • sax/flute/clarinet
- 2014–2015**     **Chinese Music Ensemble** • dizi/hulusi
- 2009–2012**     **Latin Jazz Ensemble** • sax/flute/clarinet
- 2008**     **Berklee—Celtic Ensemble** • Irish flute

## CONTEMPORARY MUSIC EXPERIENCE

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2008–2016	<b>Mano (Middle Eastern/rock fusion band)</b> • sax/flute/clarinet
2012–2016	<b>The GameMen (video game music tribute band)</b>
2010–2015	<b>J-Roc and The Biz</b> • sax/flute/clarinet
2009	<b>Columbia College Pop/Jazz Fusion Ensemble</b> • sax/flute/clarinet
2009–2012	<b>Columbia College Jazz Combo</b> • sax/flute/clarinet
2007	<b>Berklee Blues Ensemble</b> • sax/flute/clarinet
2007	<b>Berklee R&amp;B Ensemble</b> • sax/flute/clarinet
2006	<b>Berklee Contemporary Styles Ensemble</b> • sax/flute/clarinet
2006–2008	<b>Berklee Free Improvisation Ensemble</b> • sax/flute/clarinet

## MUSICAL THEATER/OPERA PIT EXPERIENCE

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<b>Jesus Christ Superstar</b> • woodwinds (tenor sax, flute, clarinet)
<b>The Secret Garden</b> • reed 1 (flute, piccolo, alto flute, tin whistles, recorders, pan flute, clarinet)
<b>Beauty and the Beast</b> • reed 1 (flute, piccolo)
<b>Mary Poppins</b> • reed 1 (flute, piccolo)
<b>Hasty Pudding Theatricals</b> • reed 1 (alto sax, flute)
<b>Les contes d'Hoffmann</b> • flute 1
<b>The Magic Flute</b> • flute 1
<b>La sonnambula</b> • flute 1
<b>Fidelio</b> • flute 1

## ORCHESTRAL EXPERIENCE

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2016–2019	<b>DuBois Orchestra</b> • principal flute/piccolo
2016–2019	<b>Metropolitan Wind Symphony</b> • principal piccolo
2016–2019	<b>The Cape Symphony</b> • substitute tutti flute/piccolo
2016–2018	<b>Belmont Festival Orchestra</b> • principal flute
2016–2019	<b>Boston Chamber Symphony</b> • piccolo/tutti flute
2016–2019	<b>Symphony Pro Musica</b> • substitute flute/piccolo
2016–2018	<b>Longy Conservatory Orchestra</b> • principal flute
2014–2015	<b>Northern Illinois Chamber Orchestra</b> • principal flute
2014–2015	<b>Festival Orchestra of Northwest Illinois</b> • principal flute
2014–2015	<b>NIU Wind Ensemble</b> • principal flute/section flute/piccolo
2014–2015	<b>NIU Philharmonic</b> • principal flute/section flute/piccolo

## CHAMBER EXPERIENCE

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2016–present	<b>The Bosch Ensemble</b> • director/baroque flute
2016–2017	<b>Flute and Harp Duo</b> • flute
2016–2017	<b>Longy—Baroque Flute Ensemble</b> • flute

2016–2017	<b>Longy—Ensemble Uncaged</b> • sax/clarinet/flute/typewriter
2016–2017	<b>Longy—Flute, Saxophone, and Piano Trio</b> • flute
2016–2017	<b>Longy—Flute Soprano Duo</b> • flute
2016–2017	<b>Longy—Flute and Percussion Duo</b> • flute/alto flute
2016–2017	<b>Longy—Baroque Ensemble</b> • traverso flute
2016–2017	<b>Longy—Flute, Harp, viola trio</b> • flute
2016–2017	<b>Longy—Flute Trio with Piano</b> • flute
2016–2017	<b>Longy—Baroque Flute Ensemble</b> • flute
2016–2017	<b>Longy—Flute, Clarinet, and Piano Trio</b> • flute
2015	<b>NIU—Flute Quartet (Mozart)</b> • flute
2014–2015	<b>NIU—Flute, Viola, and Harp Trio</b> • flute
2015	<b>NIU—Flute Choir</b> • first flute
2015	<b>NIU—New Music Ensemble</b> • first flute

## SOLO RECITALS

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2018	<b>Longy Artist Diploma Recital—"Gonzo Musicology Part 2"</b>
2018	<b>Longy Artist Diploma Recital—"Gonzo Musicology"</b>
2017	<b>Longy Artist Diploma Baroque Flute Recital</b>
2017	<b>Longy Artist Diploma Recital</b>
2016	<b>Trio Recital—Constellation (Chicago, IL)</b>
2016	<b>NIU Graduate Solo Recital</b>
2016	<b>Solo Recital—Constellation (Chicago, IL)</b>
2015	<b>NIU Graduate Chamber Recital</b>
2012	<b>Columbia College Chicago Senior Sax Recital</b>

## PROFESSIONAL RECORDINGS

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### **The Bosch Ensemble—Baroque flute with continuo—2021**

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O9szYjz1HQU>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oPtIT7ODqmM>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RjUj6p7lNyg>

### **"Gonzo Musicology part 2" Recital—Longy School of Music**

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RIntOwLPQpc&t=1702s>

### **"Gonzo Musicology" Recital—Longy School of Music**

- [www.youtube.com/watch?v=RIntOwLPQpc&t=4s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RIntOwLPQpc&t=4s)

### **Solo Recital—Longy School of Music**

- <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLKNJ19YCuZ4yKqSkETkLn39u4RGXldEmt>

### **Album—Mano (Original rock fusion music composed by Joe LaRocca)**

- <https://mano4chicago.bandcamp.com/releases>

### **Vermont Counterpoint**

- <https://soundcloud.com/manochicago/vermont-counterpoint>

## SUMMER FESTIVALS/WORKSHOPS

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**Amherst Early Music Festival** • New London, CT  
**International Baroque Institute at Longy** • Cambridge, MA  
**Divergent Studio at Longy** • Cambridge, MA  
**Talis Festival and Academy** • Saas Fe, Switzerland  
**Nief Norf Summer Performance Workshop** • Knoxville, TN  
**Chigiana Academy** • Siena, Italy  
**Festival of Flutes** • Chicago, IL

## HONORS/AWARDS

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**Longy School of Music** • Artist Diploma Scholarship  
**NIU Honors Convocation**  
**NIU Chamber Ensemble Competition** • Winner  
**NIU Green Music Scholarship**  
**NIU Talent Scholarship**

## REFERENCES

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