



## *Melodie Kathleen Cunningham*

### *Flutist*

*Principal  
Clear Lake Symphony*

**Melodie Kathleen Cunningham** earned her Bachelor's Degree in Music Education and her Master's Degree in Flute Performance from Texas Tech University, where she studied with Dr. Michael Stoune and graduated with highest honors. During high school and college she won several awards and scholarships for her flute performances, including selection for the National Honors Band with William Revelli and the Texas Tech Summer Faculty Band with James Sudduth. Mrs. Cunningham has also performed at the National Flute Association Convention with the Professional Flute Choir. She has traveled to Amman, Jordan with the Celebration Orchestra

where she served as a music missionary and was a featured soloist and master class teacher. She has been principal flutist with the Bay Area Wind Ensemble, and has performed with the Houston Civic Symphony and the Houston Flute Club. She is active as a soloist in the community, as well as a member of a number of small ensembles.

As a member of the leadership team for a national church instrumental conference based in Atlanta, Melodie has taught flute master classes in several states and hired master class teachers and conductors for conferences around the country. She has also been the instrumental music librarian for the Southern Baptist Convention and has been part of the faculty at a number of Church Music Leadership Training Events. She maintains a private flute studio at the Sagemont Centre for the Arts where her students have won numerous awards. She is also currently adjunct faculty at Westbrook Intermediate as the director of the Symphony Orchestra.

Melodie is a published author and composer of children's choir music and curriculum for LifeWay Christian Resources. She is also frequently called on as a Children's Choir Clinician around the country and has directed preschool through youth choirs in churches and public schools for many years. Her present responsibilities include directing the older and younger children's choirs at Sagemont Church, as well as playing in the Sagemont worship orchestra.

As principal flutist with the Clear Lake Symphony, Melodie is in her 20<sup>th</sup> season, and previously served on the board of the Clear Lake Symphony Players Committee as vice-president for four years. She has had several students perform with the Symphony as winners of the Student Concerto Competition, and she was featured soloist herself in 1990, 1995 and 1998. Her professional affiliations have been Texas Music Educators Association, Music Educators National Convention, and Mu Phi Epsilon, with other honors which include being named to Outstanding Young Women of America, Kappa Delta Pi and Delta Kappa Gamma teacher's honor societies. Melodie's husband and three sons are also musicians.

Ms. Cunningham will be playing Dorati's *Night Music* at the Clear Lake Symphony season performance on February 24, 2007.