

## Voice of the Flute

There is a vitality, a life force, a quickening that is translated through you into action, and there is only one of you in all time, this expression is unique...~ martha graham

Each of us has an individual voice as a person and as a musician. Since music asks us to express an infinite variety of sounds and shapes, how do we get to know and develop our unique voice on the flute? As you explore and enrich your voice consider what each of these words below mean to you? Play with the words below to give them more meaning to you. Use your imagination, creativity, artistry, curiosity, engaged mind, heart and spirit to find your voice.

### Some of the qualities we want in a flute sound:

Artistic - Authentic - Articulate - Active - Alive - Beautiful - Bountiful - Big - Balanced - Captivating - Centered - Clear - Colorful - Consistent - Compelling - Composed - Creative - Cultivated - Dynamic - Deep - Delightful - Delicate - Expressive - Effervescent - Elegant - Energetic - Elusive - Electrifying - Emotional - Fluid - Focused - Free - Floating - Full - Gorgeous - Great - Genuine - Graceful - Grand - Generous - Golden - Harmonic - Heartfelt - Huge - In-tune - Imaginative - Intense - Jubilant - Joking - Keening - Luscious - Loving - Light - Lively - Liquid - Luminous - Lyrical - Magnetic - Metallic - Natural - Nuance - Open - Original - Pearly - Projecting - Pure - Present - Quiet - Resonant - Rich - Sing - Spin - Sparkle - Shimmer - Shine - Silky - Supple - Sensitive - Sinuous - Steely - Tender - Timbre - Unique - Unified - Variety - Vibrant - Vibrato - Voice - Warmth - Whole - Zippy...

How do you turn these words into sound, into musical expression, into your voice on the flute? Ask yourself, how can I translate anything into sound, and have it become a part of my voice?

**More Ideas:** Listen to all kinds of music. **Listen:** [Marianne Gedigian, Flutist](#) **CD:** [Revolution &...](#) **Look:** [Debussy Trio - Gedigian](#)

## Presence

And as we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same. As we are liberated from our fear, our presence automatically liberates others. - Marianne Williamson

**Presence has & is :** How are you creating presence? Explore how you, Express Presence...

- **Light** - There is light in someone who has presence and in a sound that has presence. It is visible and expressive, alive, alight, luminous. Kinds of Light: candlelight, moonlight, twilight, sunlight, spotlight...
- **Expansive** - It defies the limits of body and space. It is multi dimensional, whole, unified, it is eternal...
- **INTENSITY** - Passion, purpose, power, desire, direction, drama, strength, commitment, expression, focus, determination and interest...
- **Enchanting** - Inviting, magical, imaginative, wishing, hoping, fearing, visionary, dreamy, singing...
- **Attracting** - Compelling, has character, wit, dynamic, intelligence, sweet, loving, kind, beautiful, funny, connecting, magnetic, seductive, energized, vibrant...
- **Alert** - Presence is present, aware, awake, attentive, alive, alight, encompassing, inclusive, cultivating...
- **Authentic** - Being yourself, knowing yourself, real, natural, unique, original, one of a kind, special...
- **Permeable** - Open, vulnerable, porous, empathetic, feeling, compassionate, connected...

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