

**Yana Nikol, flute**

Expanding upon her extensive classical training, Bulgarian flutist, arranger and composer Yana Nikol passionately embraces jazz as well as the diverse folk music styles of different cultures. As a flutist Yana is an active freelance musician in the Washington D.C. area sharing her musical prowess as a participant in various projects and ensembles that incorporate a vast array of musical genres. Recent performance venues include AMP by Strathmore, Blues Alley Jazz Club, Atlas Performing Arts Center, Havre de Grace Opera House and the Creative Cauldron. In 2018 Yana created Project Locrea - a global fusion ensemble, dedicated to creating and performing original compositions and contemporary arrangements inspired by the folk music of different countries. Combining sound and instrumentation of world folk traditions with classical, jazz and contemporary music conventions, the project's focus is to bring a better understanding and deeper connection between cultures in current days, as well as to shine more light on freedom of artistic expression.