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### U.S. Flute Player and Writer Julie Koidin Releases Her First Book 'Os Sorrisos do Choro' with a Chorinho Jam Session in Rio de Janeiro

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American flute player and writer **Julie Koidin**, who owned a Fulbright scholarship, is in Brazil for music presentations and to release her first book "Os Sorrisos do Choro". In Rio de Janeiro, she will promote a free chorinho jam session on **Thursday, July 14, 5:30 pm**, with songs by Pixinguinha, Jacob do Bandolim, Ernesto Nazareth, among others. Musicians may bring their own instrument and participate.

The book *Os Sorrisos do Choro* is based on research about *chorinho*. Julie's passion for this musical genre began in 1995, soon after she received a CD with songs by Pixinguinha. Back then, she was a flute player in her home town, Chicago, Illinois.

It was "love at first hearing", as she says so herself. From that moment on, the *chorinho* and Brazil caught Julie's attention, which led her to learn Portuguese and make dozens of trips to Rio de Janeiro, Brasília, Fortaleza, Recife and São Paulo, to better understand this musical genre. In addition to being a flute player, Julie is also a teacher and a chamber musician. She came to Brazil for the first time in 1997 and has returned 14 times ever since.

The book was partially financed by Fulbright Commission. It is over 500-page long and has 52 interviews with musicians such as *Altamiro Carrilho*, *Hermeto Pascoal*, *Nailor Proveta*, *Carlos Malta*, *Izaías do Bandolim*, *Henrique Cazes*, *Guinga* and *Sivuca*.

Julie is a four-time Fulbrighter: in Brazil (2002), Norway (2005); New Zealand (2006) and Serbia (2008). In 2002, Julie gave classes at UNIRIO University (Universidade Federal do Estado do Rio de Janeiro) and at the Federal Universities of Natal, Recife and Brasília. She also gave *chorinho* performances in the U.S., including in Washington, D.C., during the National Flute Association convention.

#### Further information:

Chorinho jam session with Julie Koidin and invitees

07/14/11 – Thursday – 5:30 pm – Free  
(Musicians may bring their own instruments)

*2-hours long*

**Where:** Livraria da Travessa – Travessa do Ouvidor, 17, Centro, t. (21) 2505-0400

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