

John Root, Musician

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Performance Experience

Vocalist and multi-instrumentalist presenting programs featuring popular music from the first half of the twentieth century for audiences of all ages at libraries, historical societies, schools, senior centers, long term care residences and other venues throughout New England (1977-Present)

Member of "Journey Home" offering bedside sings for hospice and bedridden patients and their families in western Massachusetts (2014-Present)

Founder/Leader/Arranger of Swingtime Quartet and Swingtime Sextet, performing at dances, schools, weddings, summer concerts, and other venues throughout New England (1990-2010)

Founder/Arranger of Pioneer Valley Jazz Society Big Band, performing original compositions for live and televised concerts (1998-2000)

Teaching Experience

Presenter of clinics in ear training and improvisation for secondary school instrumental ensembles (1997-2005)

Instructor of piano and woodwinds for students of all ages at Community Music School of Springfield, Northampton Community Music School, Northampton Center for Children and Families, Deerfield Academy, and home studio (1979-1994)