



John Root

Musician • Educator



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 schools, libraries, historical societies, senior centers, assisted living centers, long-term care residences and other venues throughout New England
- Founder/leader/arranger of "Swingtime Quartet" and "Swingtime Sextet", performing at dances, schools, community concerts, weddings, and other special occasions throughout New England
- Producer of "Dancing with the Duke" featuring the music of Duke Ellington with "Swingtime Sextet" and the "Hooked on Swing Society" for broadcast by Amherst Community Television
- Founder of Pioneer Valley Jazz Society Big Band; arranged original compositions, "Keeping the Faith", for live and televised performances



Teaching Experience

- Instructor of piano and woodwinds for students of all ages; faculty member of Community Music School of Springfield, Northampton Community Music School, and Deerfield Academy
- Music Instructor at Northampton Center for Children and Families, a residential school for adolescents
- Presenter of clinics in ear training and improvisation for secondary school instrumental ensembles
- Owner and Operator of "Our House", a home daycare facility featuring the arts, creative play, and outdoor adventure