

Name of Performer or Ensemble:	Julie Freebern
Contact Person:	Julie Freebern
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What kinds of educational venues has this ensemble performed in?	K-12
How long have you been giving such presentations?	1-2 years
Where do you give presentations?	Locally
Approximately how many presentations do you give each year?	4
Do you involve teachers, students or participants in your presentations?	Yes: I started a recorder club at my high school. We perform at various concerts and community functions. I also perform in an adult early music ensemble and give presentations to high school music history classes.
Do you provide materials to teachers, students or participants in advance?	Music, Handouts, Instruments
Do you charge for your presentations?	No: I receive a stipend from my school and church
How many members are in your group/ musical ensemble?	15
How many members in your group play recorder?	All
How many members in your group are professional recorder players? *	5
How many in your group teach recorder privately?	
Are you or your group qualified to teach music educators (e.g. in recorder workshops)?	Yes

* By "professional" we are using the term to include performers who fall into at least one of the following areas:

1. At least 10% of your annual income is generated from performing or teaching recorder;
2. You possess an accredited degree or diploma in performance from a music college or university;
3. You are recognized by your peers as a performer through concerts and/or recordings.

Julie Freebern received her Bachelor's degree at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst in the field of music education. She graduated Summa Cum Laude with a Chancellor's Talent Scholarship for her four years of study. She has been the director of vocal music for the Moffatt County School System(Craig, Colorado), Quabbin Regional High School(Barre, Massachusetts), Wahconah Regional High School(Dalton, Massachusetts), and is currently in charge of vocal studies at Burr and Burton Academy in Manchester, Vermont.

Julie's choirs have received highest honors at the American Choral Directors Association Festivals and have enjoyed many great collaborations with regional orchestras and vocal ensembles. In 1999, Julie was presented the Excellence in Teaching Award from Wahconah Regional High School for her outstanding contributions to the music program and together

with her husband was awarded the Naras Foundation's Grammy Award for outstanding curriculum and musical offerings at the high school level. Most recently they were chosen to receive one of the Yale Distinguished Music Educator Awards sponsored by the Yale School of Music.

Julie has been an active performer with the Springfield Symphony Chorus and the Massachusetts Wind Orchestra. She has enjoyed performances in collaboration with the Paul Winter Consort, Robert Eisenstein's Five College Early Music Collegium, and the University of Massachusetts Chamber Choir under the direction of Wayne Abercrombie. Julie is a founding member of the Northshire Early Music Ensemble and is the recipient of the Bigelow Fund for Excellence Faculty Grant which will afford her the opportunity to study medieval music and history throughout the English country side during the summer of 2008.

Performance Group

I have an 18 member high school 'recorder club' (SATB+) that plays everything from Susato to the Beatles. I will have a recorder club link on our music department wiki site this summer: www.bbamusic.wikispaces.org