

What Is a Recorder?

The recorder is a flute-like musical instrument whose history reaches back to Europe in the middle ages. It plays more than two octaves of a fully chromatic scale. That means it is not a toy or primitive instrument, but is entirely able to play all styles and periods of Western music.

Because the recorder is basically a whistle, new players have no difficulty getting it to sound, unlike brass or reed instruments.

Recorders are widely used for introducing grade school children to the fundamentals of music because recorders are relatively inexpensive and easy to play. Plastic recorders cost as little as \$5 and are available at most music stores. Serious players can purchase more expensive wooden recorders. Recorders can be played as solo instruments, or in consorts using recorders with different pitches. Whether playing alone or in a large orchestra, recorder playing can provide hours of musical fun!



Contact Us in Colorado

Colorado is home to several organizations, recorder teachers and individuals who would be happy to help you. Contact the people or websites listed below to find out how you can meet other players, play with local groups, learn to play or just have fun with the recorder!

- Colorado (in general):
coloradorecorders@gmail.com
- Boulder Area:
Trudy Wayne
trudydwayne@aol.com 303-651-6860
- Colorado Recorder Orchestra:
www.coloradorecorderorchestra.org
- Colorado Springs Area:
Jeannine Bramwell
jkbramwell@comcast.net 719-473-1565
- Denver Area:
denverrecorder@gmail.com
www.denverrecordersociety.org
- Ft. Collins Area:
www.fortnet.com/recorder
- Grand Junction Area:
Bev Jackson: 970-257-1692

A National Organization

The American Recorder Society (ARS) is a national organization of recorder enthusiasts, founded in 1939, to promote the recorder and its music.



Membership in the ARS is not required to participate in local activities, but many Colorado recorder players enhance their recorder experience through their ARS membership. To find out more about national benefits, visit the ARS website at www.americanrecorder.org.

Colorado Recorder Players



Invite You To

Come
Play
with Us!

What Recorder Players Do in Colorado!



We welcome visitors and invite them to play along (even if they don't hit all the right notes).



Small and large groups perform for the public during national "Play the Recorder Month," in March of each year.



Sometimes we just toot!



Sometimes we just have a party with music!



Recorders and groups come in all sizes.



ARS chapters hold monthly playing meetings, September through May, where people make new friends and start or join a playing group.



We publish a monthly newsletter that you can view or download at www.denverrecordersociety.org.

We organize weekend workshops with special teachers from other parts of the country as we try to increase our skills.



We encourage players of all ages.



Regis University has a large and growing library of recorder music, available directly or through your local library. Contact us for access instructions.



Ready to Try Something New?

Colorado recorder enthusiasts invite you to contact them. Qualified teachers are available for recorder instruction and often offer one free introductory lesson. "Newbie" groups are sometimes available to help accclimate new players to group playing. Experienced players can be assimilated into existing small groups and new groups can be formed. See the back panel for contact information.

