

Early Music

Due to the pandemic and limitations on faculty and students being physically present on more than one campus, most Early Music ensembles will not meet in person during fall semester 2020. There will be an on-line Renaissance Dance class, a virtual Renaissance dance ensemble (with lots of emphasis on Renaissance improvisation), and a weekly virtual meeting of the Five College Collegium, in which we will consider Renaissance repertoire with scores provided, listen to recordings and discuss. Other options may be possible. Remote private lessons in recorder, lute, viola da gamba and various Renaissance winds will also be available at the usual Five College rates for private lessons. Please refer to the Early Music Program website and the Mount Holyoke and University of Massachusetts course catalogs for descriptions of our usual ensembles- we hope we can return to normal sooner than later!

If you think you might be interested in participating in any of these offerings, plan to sign up for an individual Zoom audition/information session. We will hold these auditions on August 25th through 27th. Here is the link to the sign-up:

<https://www.mtholyoke.edu/acad/music/auditions>

Then select 'Early Music.'

An audition or simply a quick chat should only take a few minutes of your time. Please sign up for exact time during the first week of classes and be sure to leave your email address so you can be sent the Zoom meeting id and password.

Feel free to write with any questions: reisenst@mtholyoke.edu

The Early Music website is <https://www.fivecolleges.edu/earlymusic>