

Jim Sowards began his music career on the double bass performing in orchestras and chamber ensembles including the Utah Symphony, Ballet West and Santa Fe Opera. He was awarded a Chicago Symphony Civic Orchestra String Fellowship at Northwestern University where he received a Master's degree in Music. He has performed and taught workshops at music festivals in Colorado, California and New Mexico and was director of the statewide Utah BassFest in 2004. For the past 12 years, Mr. Sowards has taught orchestra in the Salt Lake City public schools and coached advanced youth orchestras in Utah. He relocated to Vermont in 2004 to teach strings at Rutland Intermediate School.