

JULIE MCCLAREY BIO

JULIE MCCLAREY has a passion for sharing the healing love of Jesus through a piano praise ministry. She started piano lessons at six years of age and hasn't stopped playing! She received her Bachelors Degree in Piano Performance from Millikin University and also studied in Chicago, Nashville, and the University of Illinois. Julie is a three-time undefeated winner of the World Championship Old Time Piano Playing Competition, who has appeared on the nationally televised Pat Sajak Talk Show in Hollywood, California. Julie also was a featured guest at the International Ragtime Festival. She has entertained audiences in Branson and Nashville where she was pianist/band leader of the Country Music, U.S.A. Show at Opryland, U.S.A. In addition, Julie has held faculty positions at Millikin University and Illinois Wesleyan University. Currently, she teaches students of all ages privately. Recently, Julie accompanied the Grammy Award winning Blackwood Gospel Quartet. She has also performed with Dino Karsonakis, gospel pianist, Jo Ann Castle of the Lawrence Welk Show, and Steinway artist, Larry Dalton. Currently, she is active as a soloist at various churches and civic functions locally and nationally.

Julie is a passionate performer and articulate speaker who plays everything from ragtime to Rachmaninoff. She includes a wide variety of styles in her concerts including gospel, ragtime, light classical, well-known hymns, love songs, and patriotic favorites. At one portion in her concert, she even plays with her arms behind her back! She is available for church concerts, retreats, seminars, concert hall settings, or banquet events.

Julie is currently on the music faculty at Illinois Wesleyan University and travels locally and nationally sharing God's gift.