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# News Release

**FOLK MUSIC ENSEMBLE**

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When the talented musicians of the Brigham Young University Folk Music Ensemble play their instruments, the air comes alive with the sounds of good old-fashioned fun. With energetic performances of American and international folk music, the Folk Music Ensemble beats their way into the hearts of all music fans alike. The group will bring its lively entertainment to (place) on (date) at (time).

The international ensemble is composed of seven talented instrumentalists and vocalists who sing and play a variety of traditional folk instruments, such as the fiddle, mandolin, banjo, dulcimer, guitar, bass, harmonica, accordion, bodhran (a Celtic drum), and, newly added this year, a bassoon. Unique percussion instruments including, bongos, bones, and spoons, keep the rhythm as the ensemble performs. The group was originally formed in 1982 to accompany BYU's International Folk Dance Ensemble with live music on the dance ensemble's international tours. Currently, the Folk Music Ensemble performs shows to a variety of local audiences, in addition to its performances supporting BYU's International Folk Dancers.

The Folk Music Ensemble delivers a program brimming with excitement and variety. It performs musical styles ranging from Appalachian Folk, Celtic, French-Canadian and American New England, to Bluegrass, Cajun, Jazz, Blues and Country. In addition to performing folk music, the group enjoys educating its audiences about the history of the music it plays and the historic importance of the unique instruments.

The BYU Folk Music Ensemble is directed by Mark Geslison of the School of Music at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah. BYU is one of the nation's largest private universities with more than 30,000 students from the U.S. and more than 120 foreign countries.

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