



## Facts

2022-23 Season

## Mountain Strings

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- Brigham Young University's Mountain Strings is a unique and talented musical group, made up of seven select musicians, who perform an energetic program of American and international folk music.
- Mountain Strings is directed by Mark Geslison of BYU's School of Music.
- Most recently, Mountain Strings toured with International Folk Dance Ensemble to France, Belgium, and Poland. They performed at the folk festivals such as the Hello!Schoten World Dance Festival in Belgium and the Eurofolk International Festival in Poland.
- In 2017, Mountain Strings toured with International Folk Dance Ensemble to Thailand, Cambodia, and Vietnam.
- In 2015, Mountain Strings, alongside with International Folk Dance Ensemble, toured throughout Croatia and Spain. In 2016, the group performed alongside the dancers in Nauvoo, Illinois for two weeks.
- Mountain Strings is composed of seven talented instrumentalists, who also double as vocalists, who perform with a variety of traditional folk instruments such as the fiddle, mandolin, banjo, dulcimer, piano, guitar, bass, and accordion; unique percussion instruments, including cajon, bones, spoons, and bodhran (a Celtic drum), keep the rhythm as the ensemble performs.
- Mountain Strings delivers a program brimming with excitement and variety. Its performances include music in the style of Appalachian Folk, Bluegrass, Cajun, Gypsy Jazz, Celtic, and French-Canadian, as well as traditional American music and dance arrangements.
- The group was originally formed in 1982 to accompany BYU's International Folk Dance Ensemble with live music on international tours. Now, in addition to supporting the dance ensemble, Mountain Strings also performs for a variety of local audiences.
- In addition to performing, the group enjoys educating its audiences about the history of the music it plays and the historic importance of the group's unique instruments.
- Mountain Strings toured independently for the first time in 1996, performing in Iceland and the Netherlands at various concerts and folklore festivals.
- Mountain Strings originates in the School of Music at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah. BYU is one of the nation's largest private universities with over 30,000 students from across the United States and more than 100 foreign countries.

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