



The Group

Mountain Strings is composed of talented instrumentalists, who perform on a variety of traditional folk instruments, including fiddle, mandolin, banjo, dulcimer, piano, guitar, bass, and accordion. These instrumentalists also double as vocalists and percussionists, keeping rhythm on unique instruments like cajon, bones, spoons, and bodhran (a Celtic drum). 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.

Honors

- Has been touring internationally since 1982
- Has accompanied the BYU American Folk Dance team on several international tours
- Performed at folk festivals such as Hello! Schoten World Dance Festival in Belgium and Eurofolk International Festival in Poland.
- Performed at the Latium Festival in Cori, Italy
- Performed at the Festival Vallarta Azteca in Mexico

1982-2026

30+

TOURS



1,500+

PERFORMANCES



40+

COUNTRIES VISITED



1M+

AUDIENCE MEMBERS



200+

OUTREACHES



The Show

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.

Recent Tours

- 2025: Italy
- 2024: Southern United States, Mexico
- 2022: Serbia
- 2018: France, Belgium, and Poland
- 2017: Thailand, Cambodia, and Vietnam

Upcoming Tour

June 2027: Croatia, Romania, Serbia



Outreach Efforts

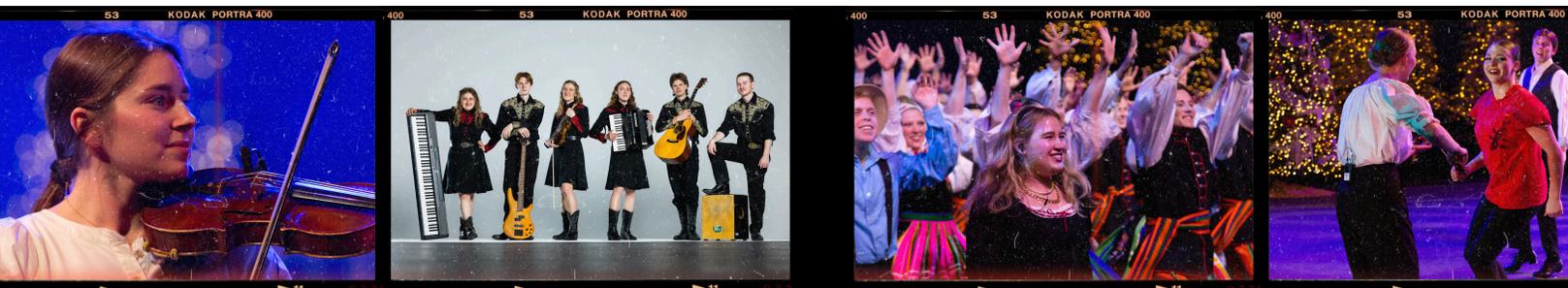
BYU Mountain Strings shares the power of folk music through educational outreach, cultural exchange, and faith-centered performances. Their efforts include school visits, university collaborations, firesides, and community concerts at home and abroad.

As BYU's premier touring orchestra, Mountain Strings is equipped to:

- Perform traditional music for audiences young and old
- Educating audiences about the origins of folk music and traditions
- Teach young audiences about traditional folk instruments and how to play them

“
What a wonderful evening...thanks to you and your excellent young musicians...whose spontaneity and excitement about their art seems to flow like a fountain.
”

Dorothy Stowe
Temple Square Concert Series
Committee



413,600

VIEWS



103

LISTENERS



Mark Geslison

- Graduated from BYU with a BA degree in 1990, then received his MA degree from Ashland University in Ashland, Ohio.
- Began directing the folk music ensembles at BYU in September, 1992.
- Several works published through Mel Bay Publication in St. Louis, MO and the Institute of American Music.
- Produced 14 albums of LDS hymns between 1998 and 2020. These recordings sold over 100,000 copies.

Recent Releases

- Handsome Molly (YouTube Video)
- Wave the Ocean (YouTube Video)
- After You've Gone (YouTube Video)



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