



Smilin' Scandinavians

Toby Hanson, Bandleader

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“Just about everyone I talked with commented on the professionalism, showmanship and just great dancing music they provided at each of their four performances. What a fine group of accomplished professional musicians!!”

-Al Aman, Entertainment Director of 2001 Rocky Mountain Accordion Celebration

“The Smilin' Scandinavians are a tour-de-force group. They mix comedy with very professional musicianship. They rocked the place. We're having them back again.”

-Shawn Sarringar, Too Many Cooks Productions

“...the [Smilin'] Scandinavians convinced me. These guys and gals know their tunes and they trust themselves enough to play them for real.”

-Wm. Steve Humphrey, *the Stranger*

“Thank you very much for a wonderful performance as part of the Kent Summer Concert Series. It was a delight to work with you and our audience truly enjoyed the performance.

“The concert was a great success with an enthusiastic crowd. The Smilin' Scandinavians were well received and your performance added to the quality and diversity of Kent's cultural activities. I am proud to have your band as a part of our program.”

-Ronda Billerbeck, Cultural Programs Manager, Kent Parks, Recreation and Community Services

What makes a polka band so special? Memories of a Midwestern childhood? Stories about the Old Country? Whatever it is, the Smilin' Scandinavians have it and they've been sharing it with audiences all around the Northwest and beyond since they started in 1995 at Cornish College. Since that time they've traveled around the US and Canada playing everywhere from small Finnish towns to Branson, MO. Whether at a polka fest in Minnesota or a county fair in Oregon they are first-class entertainers who will leave fans tapping their toes and smiling.

What makes this polka band so special? A performance of the Smilin' Scandinavians brings together lively polkas, traditional Scandinavian, old-time country and big band swing with folksy humor and superb musicianship. They have the ability to draw an audience's attention and break down their inhibitions, showing them a rollicking good time. This is NOT your father's polka band!

Band members include Toby Hanson (bandleader, accordion, vocals); Mike Woolf (tuba); Erick Cohn (drums); Glenn Dudley (banjo/guitar); and Eric Likkell (sax/clarinet).

Where have we played? Leavenworth Oktoberfest; Oktoberfest NW; Fremont Oktoberfest; Enumclaw Oktoberfest; Snowbird Oktoberfest (UT); PLU Oktoberfest; Tulalip Casino Oktoberfest; Swiss Park Oktoberfest; New Leipzig, ND Oktoberfest; Taste of Tacoma; Western WA Fair; Evergreen State Fair; King Co. Fair; Mason County Fair; Jefferson Co. Fair; Cowlitz Co. Fair; Benton Co. (OR) Fair; RFD-TV Polkafest in Branson, MO; International Polkafest in Chisholm, MN; Rocky Mountain Accordion Celebration; Kimberley, BC Accordion Championships; Red Lodge, MT Festival of Nations; Astoria Scandinavian Festival; Portland Grand Scandinavian Ball; Finnfest; SeaTac International Festival; Skagit Valley Tulip Festival; Pierce County Ethnic Fest; Ballard Seafood Fest; Bremerton Blackberry Festival; Capital Lakefair; Odessa Deutschesfest; Tri-Cities Nordic Fest and many private engagements.