

Hope Hoffman & the Bowdoinham String Band ~ Live, traditional acoustic music for weddings and receptions



We're truly acoustic, without microphones or other electrical equipment (unless requested), so it's easy to perform outdoors, in unusual spaces, and to move around the area easily.

Imagine music that flows naturally, seamlessly joining each part of your wedding, from one room to the next, indoors and outdoors:

**Your guests taking their seats before the ceremony, enjoying serene and joyful fiddle tunes
The procession down the aisle accompanied by the simple sweetness of a folk melody
A violin nearby playing a waltz for the bride and groom's first dance
Musicians walking to the reception area, keeping the music flowing every step of the way**

**Celebrate your heritage with
traditional melodies**

**Irish and Scottish
French Canadian
American roots from the South and West
English, Welsh, Scandinavian**

Our repertoire ranges from slow and lyrical to quick and energetic, and we carefully choose each tune to fit each part of the event.

An experienced director of theater productions featuring live music, Hope Hoffman offers expertise and insight when selecting music. We are entirely comfortable either planning each piece of music beforehand, or finding just the right tune to play on the spot and "in the moment." The ensemble has been providing music for events since 2002.



If you have a special piece of music in mind, we can learn melodies by ear from recordings, and read sheet music fluently.

For group dancing with a dance caller, we can make arrangements for that and provide the music.

Our ensemble has many combinations of instruments and group sizes.

You can request any combination.
Examples include:

**Solo violin/fiddle/viola by Hope Hoffman
Duet with guitar and fiddle
Trio with mandolin, guitar, fiddle
Guitar, mandolin, Irish banjo, two fiddles**

Additional instruments, such as flute and upright bass, can also be added to the ensemble.

Many couples ask for a 3-hour session, with a half hour of music before the ceremony, the ceremony itself, and a half hour of music after the ceremony.

We can also play for your reception or rehearsal dinner.