

SAN FRANCISCO SCOTTISH FIDDLERS

CELTIC ROOTS EMBRACING THE WORLD

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The San Francisco Scottish Fiddlers formed 38 years ago when small group of Bay Area friends gathered to play traditional and modern Scottish tunes together. As they attracted others into their circle, they decided to share their music in public concerts. These grew into an annual weekend concert series that brought their joyful enthusiasm to three different venues in the greater Bay Area in one weekend.

With the pandemic lockdown of 2020, live music took an unanticipated break. With the lifting of restrictions, the Fiddlers have emerged to share their music throughout the greater Bay Region by playing in smaller groups at farmers markets from Point Reyes to Gilroy to Sebastopol to Walnut Creek. Keep an eye and ear out for us at a farmers market near you!

Rooted in the Scottish tradition, the Fiddlers grew in numbers and ages, and eventually expanded their musical horizon to embrace the wider world of traditional roots musics from around the world. Today the Fiddlers are an inter-generational performing group that makes no distinctions for age or status as a professional or amateur. Several of the kids who grew up in the group have been inspired to become professional musicians of many different genres and styles.

Current members are a mix of professionals and amateurs of all ages. Their one musical imperative, regardless of the tune or tradition, is never to be boring. They accomplish this without auditions or competition. They are an inclusive community that focuses on the joy of making music together.

The San Francisco Scottish Fiddlers are available to perform in schools, retirement communities, and other venues from farmers markets and fairs to Celtic and contra-dances, and highland games. They were featured in an award-winning documentary, *The Groove Is Not Trivial*, (<http://www.thegroovemovie.com>) about Alasdair Fraser, their founder and music director. The film premiered at the 2016 Mill Valley Film Festival and won the Audience Choice Award. The San Francisco Scottish Fiddlers is an affiliate of The Scottish Fiddlers of California, a registered 501(c)3 organization, #95-4063752.