

# Brian Wicklund & the Fiddle Pals

*Acoustic Alchemy and Fiddle Wizardry*

A fresh blend of folk, jazz, old-time, bluegrass and roots music played with acrobatic skill and soul.

“*Synergy* is the interaction of forces so that their combined effect is greater than the sum of their individual parts.” – an apt description for Brian Wicklund and the Fiddle Pals. Brian’s mastery of the fiddle and mandolin is perfectly complemented by the virtuosity of Joe Cruz on guitar and Kevin Rowe on bass. The first thing an audience notices is the way these amazing musicians interact on stage. Each player listens and responds to the others. Brian responds to a musical idea of Joe’s that is in turn elaborated on by Kevin. Brian replies and so on until the music becomes something new and alive. Audience members get caught up in the action not unlike spectators watching top tennis players play an extended volley at Wimbledon. These guys really play and they really *play*.



Native Minnesotan Brian Wicklund has been an integral part of the acoustic music scene for decades. As a teenager, he won dozens of fiddle contests. He has toured nationally and internationally with bands Stoney Lonesome, Judith Edelman Band, Kathy Kallick Band, Lorie Line’s Pop Chamber Orchestra, Chris Stuart Band, and currently with Brother Mule. He has been busy as a studio musician and producer laying down fiddle and mandolin tracks on over a hundred projects including two CD projects of his own. Brian also wrote best-selling books, *American Fiddle Method* published by Mel Bay. He is in constant demand as a teacher worldwide. Joe Cruz brings 30 years of eclectic guitar virtuosity to the band. Kevin Rowe is as comfortable in a symphony as he is in a jazz combo or a bluegrass band. Together, the Fiddle Pals truly *are* synergy.

“*Amazing instrumentalists!*” • “*Brilliant performance*” • “*Your music makes me smile all day!*”

## **Brian Wicklund has performed:**

Targhee Bluegrass Festival–Alta, WY • Rocky Grass Festival–Lyons, CO • Shetland Folk Festival–Lerwick, UK • Wintergrass–Takoma, WA • MusikvidSiljan–Mora, Sweden • Shuswap Festival–British Columbia • Grey Fox Bluegrass Festival–NY • Minnesota Bluegrass Festival • Strawberry Bluegrass Festival–Yosemite, CA • Grass Valley Festival–Grass Valley, CA • Expo ’90–Osaka, Japan

See them on Youtube

[Miss Molly](#) – Texas Swing

[Irish Fiddle Medley](#)

[Sister Kim](#) – Latin mandolin

[Fiddle Pals on Facebook](#)



## **Booking Information**

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