



WHITE PINE MUSIC

Freshwater



Four post-moderns playing raucous dance music, pop-inspired arrangements of folksongs, and lots of free-spirited step-dancing.

Budd Greenman, Nellie Schrantz, Nic Gareiss, and Bill Wiegandt all grew up in mid-Michigan. There, nurtured by the musicians in the local old-time and Celtic music circles, they began to absorb the traditions associated with fiddle music and percussive dancing. Bill learned folksongs from his father, Budd traveled with his mother to fiddle jamborees, Nic learned his first dance steps by watching his parents in their kitchen, and Nellie attended Irish sessions and feisanna.

As Freshwater, their mission is to use the music they love to connect with people of all ages and especially to bridge the age gap that often separates young people from traditional music.

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Combine a few fiddle tunes, a new take on some old songs, and you will get one of the freshest sounding folk bands to come out of Michigan. The famed dancers Nic Gareiss and Nellie Schrantz, show not only their dancing skills, but also their vocal and instrument chops along with bandmates Bud Greenman and Bill Weigandt. Traditional music is meant to be played live, and that is the way this recording was made. Most of the tracks were laid down all at one time, with the band playing off each other just as they would on stage.

The enhanced portion of the CD includes plenty of details on the heritage of the tunes as well as a handful of session photographs of the band.

MEMBERS

Nic Gareiss

Budd Greenman

Nellie Schrantz

Bill Wiegandt

with special guest Joel Lane.