

Contra Dances,
Dance Weekends,
Concerts &
Festivals

TOPPISH

Irish, Scottish, Canadian & American Dance Music

*Pennsylvania power quartet
redefines Irish, Scottish,
French Canadian & New England
Contra dance music.*



TOPPISH.....

Veterans of dance camps and dance weekends, concerts & workshops, TOPPISH combines virtuosic playing with exciting dances. Allegheny College, located in NW PA, is the catalyst and home of the group's weekly dance (one of the few colleges nationwide to sponsor a weekly contra).

TOPPISH is Irish flutist & guitarist Jack Lindberg, Scottish dance accordionist Etienne Ozorak, fiddler Fred Mamula, pianist/singer Ellen Gozion, and contra caller Rachel O'Brien. TOPPISH mixes Irish, Scottish, French Canadian, New England and original tunes into contra dance medleys that fill dance halls with energy and enthusiasm.

TOPPISH has lots of experience with dance music. Etienne was a long time member of Canada's popular *Bobby Brown Band* and leads *The Music Makars*, Scottish country dance band. Fred was the fiddler in Earlham's *Hurricane Sadee* and has been with *The Music Makars* for 19 years. Jack was guitarist & flutist in *The Lundberg Bros*, AKA *The Travelling Lundbergs* and held a weekly dance in WA State for many years. He has played in *The Music Makars* for 7 years. Ellen has a varied and impressive list of musical credits (see below). Rachel, a geologist, teaches contra as a class at Allegheny and has called dances from Alaska to New Hampshire.



Contra Caller Rachel O'Brien

Pittsburgh's Ellen Gozion joins TOPPISH

Ellen Gozion has earned her living as an accompanist for classical and modern dance and it was this broad exposure that has helped to develop her style as a versatile and flexible musician. She played her first contra dances in '99 with fiddler David Knight (WA, DC) and has been playing traditional music for contra and English dances in the Mid-Atlantic region ever since.

She is a regular member of Pittsburgh bands *Toad Hall* and *The Hot Toddlies*,

and has been a guest with *Amarillis*, *Band du Jour*, *The Contrarians* and others. Ellen's solid playing brings a full sound, lyricism and great rhythmic energy and to both contra and English dances.

Ellen is also fluent in traditional unaccompanied singing. Her latest work with traditional songs of the British Isles and the southern Appalachians can be heard on her 2004 release *Awake Awake*. She opened for FLOOK's '06 American tour.



Pianist/Singer Ellen Gozion

Bring TOPPISH to your dance weekend, concert, or festival!



Fred Mamula, Fiddle
Elizabeth Ozorak, Piano
Etienne Ozorak, Accordion
Nick Ozorak, Bass
Jack Lindberg, Irish Flute,
Whistles, Banjo, Guitar



TOPPISH and *The Music Makars* have a lot in common. While one band plays contra dances the other specializes in formal Scottish country dance.

Since 1990 *The Music Makars* have played for Scottish Country Dance events across the US and Britain. The band began with Etienne and

Elizabeth Ozorak (accordion and piano, respectively), and grew to include Fred Mamula, fiddle, Nick Ozorak, bass, and Jack Lindberg, Irish flute, whistle, banjo, and guitar.

The Music Makars are known for delivering the best in elegant & innovative Scottish country dance music for Highland Balls, festivals and concerts.

For more information contact:
etozorak@allegheny.edu

12 CDs available

All of us have been busy in the studio over the past several years. The recordings are primarily of traditional tunes mixed with some originals. Most are instrumental, top quality dance music. Ellen's recording is vocal music of Scotland, Ireland, England and Southern Appalachia. A live TOPPISH demo CD is currently available.

Recordings available are:
TOPPISH Demo "Live in PBH" 2006
The Music Makars
"Scottish Dance Music" 1995
"Jig For Joy" 1998
"Live and Well" 2001
"Catch the Wind" 2006
"Dance Sing Rejoice" w/Johnny Forest 2007
Live at the Pittsburgh Ball 2008 (2CD)
Jack Lindberg's
"The Gleaner" 2004
"Dangerous Mixes" 2008
"Lundberg Bros.-Joined at the Ear" 1996
Ellen Gozion's "Awake Awake" 2004
"On A Lark - solo piano waltzes" 2006

"The BEST
contra band I've
ever heard!"

-Sandy, Dance gypsy
from PA

How to contact TOPPISH

For booking availability, CD information or any other business, call 814 724 2326 during daytime hours, Eastern Time. Our website lists current events for TOPPISH and THE MUSIC MAKARS as well as some photos that may be used for publicity. There's also a link to Ellen's site.

Please send information packets or booking requests to:

TOPPISH
186 Meadow St.
Meadville, PA 16335



Email: Jack@TOPPISH.com

TOPPISH is:
Fred Mamula, Fiddle
Jack Lindberg, Irish Flute, Whistles, Guitar
Etienne Ozorak, Accordion
Ellen Gozion, Piano
Rachel O'Brien, Caller

Find us on the Web:

www.TOPPISH.com
www.MusicMakars.com
www.EllenGozion.com