

NORDLAND BAND



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From Hambo to Hopsa

This sweet, melodic music is satisfying to listen to, fun to dance to, and is a refreshing change of pace. The rolling bounce of the Scandic rhythms, like Hambo and Hopsa, insists you move your feet.

Versatile tradition

Nordland Band's warm sound starts with Violin, Mandolin, Guitar, Flute, and two-part Vocals. (And that is just the duet!) Percussion, Acoustic Bass, and Accordion can be added. Repertoire is carefully chosen from folk pieces, popular music, and the band's own compositions which live within the folk tradition. Jutta Distler, the leader, researches most of the music during visits to her musician family in Sweden and Denmark.

For private parties, Big Band Swing and other American music styles are available including foxtrot, cha cha, tango, and waltz, as well as 50s acoustic rock.

Ranging far and wide

As Chicago's only professional pan-Scandinavian band, the Nordland Band has, since its inception in 1990, been invited to perform for the Royal Danish Consulate, at the Winnipeg and the Earth Song Folk Festivals in Canada, Michigan's Spirits of the Woods Folk Fest, the University of Michigan's Folk Life Fest, and has been a regular for many years at Chicago's Andersonville Midsommar Fest.

Viking beat will thrill your feet

If you're looking for a group that can fill everyone with good spirits, the Nordland Band is ready to play.

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