

The Western Flyers

The Western Flyers will bring a variety of classics to the Bangor Waterfront for the 2016 American Folk Festival. Classic Western swing, hot jazz and swing standards, toe-tapping Cowboy songs and electrifying old-time fiddle tunes can all be expected when The Western Flyers take the stage.

This trio puts out a big sound because of its versatility and deep musicianship. Joey McKenzie is the guitarist of the trio who has performed in 45 U.S. states, as well as Canada, Europe, Russia and South America. Katie Glassman on fiddle is a two-time National Fiddle Champion and is an integral part of Colorado's thriving roots music scene. Gavin Kelso on bass has a powerful dexterity and a lively musical imagination.

"We all feel really fortunate to have each other," McKenzie told the Elko Daily Free Press in 2015. "It's a musical family, and it's like family because you spend so much time with each other."

The trio came together in just the last few years. Prior to this group, McKenzie performed with — and taught — The Quebe Sisters Band, who have spent some time performing in Maine. All told, he has more than 30 years of experience under his belt. He said that the three musicians would connect frequently over the years, and decided to formally join up to form a trio that has toured around the country including a performance last year at the Library of Congress.

"We always felt a musical kinship," McKenzie told the Elko Daily Free Press. "Whenever we would cross paths, we would always have jam sessions, and we always thought it would be great to someday form a band together. It all fell in place perfectly, time wise."

The group's debut album, "Wild Blue Yonder" was released on July 29, and features a mix of what can be heard live at the group's performances at the 2016 American Folk Festival.



The Western Flyers perform:

Saturday, 12:30 p.m. Dance Pavilion

Saturday, 5 p.m. LL Bean Penobscot Stage (*Swing Explosion Talk / Demo session*)

Saturday, 7:30 p.m. BDN Railroad Stage

Sunday, Noon EMHS Two Rivers Stage

Sunday, 1 p.m. EMHS Two Rivers Stage (*Fiddle Traditions Talk / Demo session*)

Sunday, 3 p.m. Bangor Savings Bank Children's Village

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