

Nisswa-stamman June 8,9, 2007

## 8th annual Scandinavian Folk Music Festival in the Pines

The 8th annual Nisswa-stamman Scandinavian folk music festival will be held June 8, 9, 2007 at the Nisswa Pioneer village in Nisswa, Minnesota, (a 3 hour drive north of Minneapolis/St. Paul). In just 7 years, Nisswa-stamman has grown into one of the largest *traditional* Scandinavian music festivals in the upper midwest. This year approximately 150 folkmusicians are expected, among them **Haugaard & Hoirup**, 7 time Danish Grammy award winners, world class duo on fiddle and guitar from Denmark; **Alvdalens spelmanslag**, 20 fiddlers strong from Alvdalen, Sweden; and **Marie Klappbakken & Olaug Furusaeter**, talented young fiddlers from Norway. Special guests from Maryland are **Hoag, Kelley & Pilzer**, grammy nominated trio playing Scandinavian folkmusic. Midwestern groups and soloists include the ASI Spelmanslag, Skal Klubben, the Twin Cities Nyckelharpalag, Finn Hall, the Twin Cities Hardingfelelag, Paul Dahlin, Skalmusik, Ole Olsson's Oldtime Orkestra, Swedes in the Weeds, LiljeDiket, Nordic Jam, Karen Solgard, Ross Sutter, Arna Rennan, Georganne Hunter, Kip Peltoniemi, Arne Salli, Duane Swanson and many, many others. Dancers take note.... all day and late-into-the-night dancing opportunities, and an intimate, log "dance barn" with dance teaching and open dancing "shoulder to shoulder" just like they do in Scandinavia. Family fun included .... Professional performers and educators Rose and Val Arrowsmith lead activities and performances at the special children's tent all day long. Food lovers listen up .... Nisswa-stamman features lots of Scandinavian food and a great smorgasbord. For more information, call Paul Wilson, 218-764-2994, [pwilson@brainerd.net](mailto:pwilson@brainerd.net), <http://www.nisswastamman.org/stamma/page5.html>

### Friday, June 8

#### Norwegian, Swedish and Finnish style fiddle, accordion, guitar and dance workshops at Nisswa-stamman!

Instrumental and dance workshops will be offered by several visiting Scandinavian musicians on Friday June 8, 2007, in Nisswa, Mn.

**From Denmark:** Harald Haugaard -- Danish fiddling

Morten Hoirup -- accompaniment styles for Danish tunes on Guitar or whatever instrument you use

**From Sweden:** members of Alvdalens Spelmanslag -- teach polska fiddle tunes from Alvdalen and surrounding regions

**From Norway:** Marie Klappbakken -- Norwegian flat fiddle

**From USA:** Mary Hegge teaching Alvdalens polska dancing

Workshops will be held in two, 2 hour segments, morning and afternoon. \$20 per segment or \$35 for both segments. Call or write Paul Wilson for more info and to register. 218-764-2994, [pwilson@brainerd.net](mailto:pwilson@brainerd.net)

**Concert:** Admission \$10 adults, children 12 and under, \$5. Tickets available at the door only, sales starting at 6 pm. 7 pm concert featuring all of the visiting Scandinavian musicians and several other selected stamma musicians at the Lutheran Church of the Cross, south of Nisswa on County Road 13. The church is just east of Hwy 371 at Sportland Corners (Hwy 371 at County Roads 13 & 77), 1.6 miles south of Nisswa and 11.6 miles north of the Paul Bunyan corner (Hwy 210) in Brainerd.

**Dance:** The concert will be followed by an oldtime dance featuring many stamma bands at the Pequot Lakes Seniors Center, downtown Pequot Lakes, starting at 10 pm. Admission free for concert goers, \$5 for others. Tickets available at the door only.

### Saturday, June 9

**Stamma:** Admission \$10 adults, \$1 children 15 - 5, children under 5 free. Fiddlers parade starts at 10 am in downtown Nisswa, and leads to the Nisswa Pioneer Village, site of the stamma. 10:15 am, ongoing folk music presentations on 5 stages, dance teaching in the barn, lots of jamming and all day dancing, special children's tent with day-long cultural activities, a 4:30 pm smorgasbord at the Nisswa Community Center -\$15 (tickets available on Friday night at the concert and on the grounds of the stamma on Saturday) and a late-into-the-night oldtime dance starting at 7 pm at the American Legion Club in Nisswa. Uffda! Is it okay for us to have this much fun?

Tickets: All tickets are available only at the door of the events. No advance sales. Saturday smorgasbord tickets will be available on Friday night at the concert and on Saturday inside the grounds of the festival.

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**HOUSING:** For information about housing call the Nisswa Chamber of Commerce at 800 950 9610 or visit the website and follow links at: <http://www.nisswastamman.org/stamma/camping.html>