

# Andrea Hoag • Loretta Kelley • Charlie Pilzer

**Andrea Hoag, Loretta Kelley, and Charlie Pilzer** have performed at concerts and dances across the U.S. and in Europe for over 25 years, including appearances on *All Things Considered*, *Performance Today*, and *Prairie Home Companion*. They can be heard together on the CDs *Hambo in the Snow* and *Hambo in the Barn*. **Andrea**, widely known for her versatile fiddling, is a 1984 graduate of Malungs Folkhögskola, and studied intensively with elder fiddlers Päckos Gustaf and Nils Agenmark. **Loretta** is America's foremost player of the hardingfele (Hardanger fiddle), an ornately-decorated Norwegian folk violin with sympathetic strings and a 300-year-old tradition. She has studied with numerous master fiddlers in Norway and placed highly in Norwegian fiddle competitions. **Charlie** is an award-winning performer and producer of traditional and acoustic music. He is a long-time member of Spælímenninir, a folk band based in the Faroe Islands.

So, what happens when you put together one of the finest American-born Swedish fiddlers with one of the finest American-born Norwegian fiddlers and add a guy who has traveled the northern countries of the world playing, well, yes, Scandinavian music with a multi-national band?



You get music that is anything but ordinary. Strings. Vibrating strings. Lots of them. One fiddle, one hardingfele, and one contra-bass. Rich deep fundamental notes and ethereal haunting overtones. The scales twist your ears and the rhythm has a life of its own. From the tale of its origin to the names of the players who passed it along, each tune speaks of a land and a tradition.

None of this explains the raw life that fills the room when Andrea, Loretta and Charlie play. Perhaps it is the decades of experience and passion that each musician brings. Or maybe it is that they are playing music that fills their souls to overflowing. In the end, we are the lucky ones, because we can listen and watch as they tune up, release their bows and transport us to the Lands of the Midnight Sun and Luminous Winters.

***“Andrea, Loretta & Charlie... Wonderful musicians all!  
Haunting melodies, rousing dance tunes...  
ageless timeless evocations of forests and  
communities in celebration.***

***The children were bouncing in their seats and  
the grown-ups feeling nostalgic for places  
they may have never been!”***

Roberta Gasbarre - Director, Discovery Theater  
Smithsonian Institution

***“This is a cd that is both tender  
and jovial. It’s music with a  
smile on its face and a tear in its eye.”***

Bob Boilen - All Songs Considered  
National Public Radio

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