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Dennis Stroughmatt et L'Esprit Creole

Concerts for Kids

Evanston/Skokie Elementary & Middle Schools
November 2015



Program

Performers: Dennis Stroughmatt (fiddle & vocals),
Jim Willgoose (upright bass & vocals), and Doug Hawf (guitar & vocals)

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| 1. Au Bois Mesdames | 7. Tout Tout |
| 2. Old Man Lachance | 8. Chevalier de la Table Ronde |
| 3. Grandmere se Plainte | 9. Valse Miniut |
| 4. Toutes a des Dames | 10. Grand Mallet |
| 5. D'ou Viens Tu | 11. Robart's Reel |
| 6. Jury Baker | 12. Le Beau Mardi Gras |

Program Notes

Fingers and bow flying, Dennis Stroughmatt takes listeners on a musical odyssey not so different from his own musical journeys into Upper Louisiana Creole culture. Taught to play fiddle by local Creole fiddlers living along the Mississippi River near St. Louis, Dennis is now the authority on this regional pocket of American antiquity. A vibrant blend of Celtic, Canadian and Old Time sounds, this unique music bridges gaps between contemporary Canadian and Louisiana Cajun styles. Preserved by families in the Ozark foothills, the music remains largely intact and true to the traditions that have been passed down over three centuries.

Dennis performs with Jim Willgoose, a long-time musician with a PhD in philosophy and former touring member of the band NRBQ. Jim currently teaches at the Kaskaskia Community College in Centralia, IL. Doug Hawf, from southeastern Illinois near the Wabash River, runs his music store and teaches music. He performs with his family bluegrass band as well as with the Vincennes University string ensemble.

**The 2015-2016 *Concerts for Kids* season is dedicated to the memory of
Michael Reiniger, District 65 music educator.**

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Mr. Reiniger was a strong advocate for music education in Evanston/Skokie School District 65, where he was the music teacher at Orrington Elementary School and band teacher at Walker Elementary School.

Wanting to bring the joy of live music to all Evanston children, Mr. Reiniger joined the EISMA board in 1995. Over the course of twenty years, he served as EISMA's president, treasurer, vice-president of education, and most recently, as a member of the advisory board. Mr. Reiniger's enthusiasm and passion for music education will be greatly missed.



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