



## The Barley Jacks with Brian Wicklund Outreach Programs

### Music in the School Programs

#### Presentation of American Roots Music

Brian Wicklund hosts an animated presentation of American Folk Music. He plays lively music with humor and a sense of fun to demonstrate how music of immigrants from Europe and Africa uniquely blended in America to spawn the great American musical styles of Cajun, Appalachian, Bluegrass, Western Swing, and Jazz. Brian Wicklund has a degree in elementary education and twenty-five years of educating and inspiring people of all ages. The show is virtuosic, illuminating, inspiring, and a lot of fun.

#### Fiddle Music Workshop for String Orchestra Programs

Brian Wicklund is the author of the national best-selling series, *The American Fiddle Method* published by Mel Bay Publications, Inc. He is internationally recognized as a top teacher of American fiddle music and teaches at camps, festivals and schools in the US, UK, Canada and Sweden. He regularly works with school string programs.

Brian and the local orchestra teacher select music from his books in advance for the students to learn. At the workshop, in addition to learning fun fiddle tunes, Brian teaches students skills common in fiddle music that they usually don't learn in classical music education. He teaches how chords work, accompanying others, creating one's own solo, and improvising. By the end of the workshop, the entire orchestra can play like a giant bluegrass band! He can also help an orchestra teacher to develop a fiddle club within the school to continue recruiting young string players and keeping them inspired with fun music.

#### String Band Mentoring

Brian often works with local amateur bands and folk and bluegrass clubs to teach them to better play together. He is skilled player of all string instruments and has mentored hundreds of bands and jam groups.

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