

Common Repertoire 2022

In fall, 2021, we worked with a dozen musicians very knowledgeable in Minnesota and Upper Midwest music to create a list of over 60 tunes. Using Survey Monkey, 27 fiddlers voted on their favorites and made additional suggestions. This list is the result of this process. It is intended to show the diversity of traditional music in the Upper Midwest and provide a common language or starting point for fiddlers interested in traditional Upper Midwest music. We hope to create a book with more details on the tunes, as well as lists of resources on where to learn more about Upper Midwest Fiddle music and offer workshops, concerts and YouTube videos.

Title	Notes	Type	Ethnicity
Al Capone's Favorite Waltz	Swedish waltz with "mob" ties	Waltz	Swedish
Alfred Blagen's Hoppwaltz	Popular in SE MN and NE Iowa	Polka	Norwegian
Äppelbo gånglåt	Standard Swedish Walking Tune	Ganglat	Swedish
Bohlin's Polkett (AKA Ed Quall's)	Widely popular polka	Polka	Swedish
Couderay Jig	Native American/Scottish tune	Reel	Metis
Cracovienne Quickstep	Popular barn dance tune	Quickstep	Polish
Edwin's First Polska	From Edwin Johnson, American Swedish Institute	Polska	Swedish/ American
Emma's Waltz	Widely popular waltz	Waltz	Finnish
Flop Eared Mule Schottische	Popular dance tune played as a schottische in parts of the Upper Midwest	Schottische	Norwegian/American
Gary's Polka	Popular traditional polka; commercially recorded	Polka/Two Step	German/Dutch
Good for the Tongue	Logging Camp tune	Reel	Canadian/Metis
Halsa Dem Darhemma	Popular song, often played on fiddle	Waltz	Danish/Swedish
Haste to the Wedding	Traditional tune played by "Pa" Ingalls in the Little House on the Prairie Series	Jig	English/Irish/ Scottish
Hills of Old Wisconsin	Commercially recorded schottische	Schottische	Norwegian
Honest John	Contradance tune played in Upper Midwest	Jig	US/Canada
Little Gem Polka	Polka from Decorah, Iowa that was widely played in Upper Midwest	Polka	US
Metsakukkia (Woodland Flowers)	Well know Finnish Waltz	Waltz	Finnish
Minnesota Waltz	A favorite from the Minnesota Fiddle Tunes Project	Waltz	US
Money Musk	Traditional tune played by "Pa" Ingalls in the Little House on the Prairie Series	Reel	Scottish
Old Norwegian Waltz	A favorite from the Fiddle Tunes of Crow River Country: The Music of Elmo Wick	Waltz	Norwegian

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Opera Reel	Popular traditional dance reel	Reel	English/Irish
Patrick County Blues	A version of the Hi-Lo Schottische taught by Gail Heil	Schottische	Canadian
Peekaboo Waltz (Svensk Annas Vals)	Popular Swedish waltz, widely played in Upper Midwest	Waltz	Swedish
Pig Ankle Rag	Example of Ragtime tune popular with traditional Upper Midwest fiddlers	Ragtime	US
Randi Severson's Waltz	Popular waltz featuring female fiddler	Waltz	Norwegian
Jenny Lind Polka	Traditional American tune	Polka	US
Red Wing	Traditional American tune popular in Upper Midwest	Polka	US
Regis Belisle	Native American/Scottish tune	Reel	Metis
Ringnessen Reinlender	ASI, SOTR, SloJammers, Minnesota Fiddle Tunes Project	Schottische	Norwegian
Saturday Night Waltz (Lordags Valsen)	Popular waltz, commercially recorded	Waltz	Swedish
Selmer Ramsey's Waltz	Popular waltz from Thief River Falls, commercially recorded	Waltz	Norwegian
Soldiers Joy	Native American version of common American tune	Reel	US
Starlight Waltz	Popular waltz among fiddlers in South Dakota that started as a piano piece.	Waltz	US
Stepladder Waltz	Popular Waltz	Waltz	Norwegian
Storm Polka	Polka from Iowa, widely played in Minnesota	Polka	Danish
Swampers Revenge on the Windfall	Logging Camp tune	Polka	US/Lumberjack
Tantst, Tantst Yidelekh	Common Klezmer tune from early 1900's	Freilach	Jewish
Tater Valsen (Norwegian Gypsy Waltz)	Popular Waltz in Minnesota	Waltz	Norwegian
The Dublin Lasses Reel	Unique Upper Midwest version of Irish Tune	Reel	Irish
Tony Doherty's Waltz	Irish Waltz from a traditional fiddle in St. Paul MN	Waltz	Irish
Uncle Pat's Schottische	Danish Schottische played in the Upper Midwest	Schottische	Danish