Al Capone's Waltz



Al Capone played banjo in the Rock Islanders, the Alcatraz prison inmate band.

ALFRED BLAGEN'S HOPPWALTZ



TRANSCRIPTION BY BETH ROTTO.

Aeppelbo Gaanglaat

Äppelbo Gånglåt Gånglåt från Äppelbo (Äppelbo Walking Tune)



A gånglåt is a Swedish "walking tune", played on fiddle at a easy walking pace. This tune is from the town of Äppelbo in Dalarna and is very popular in Sweden.

COUDERAY JIG



CRACOVIENNE QUICKSTEP

AKA CRAVOVIENNE QUICKSTEP, CICADIAN QUICKSTEP



THE KRAKOWIAK OR CRACOVIENNE IS A FAST, SYNCOPATED POLISH FOLK DANCE IN DUPLE TIME FROM THE REGION OF KRAKOW THE FOLK OUTFIT WORN FOR THE DANCE HAS BECOME THE NATIONAL COSTUME OF POLAND (WIKIPEDIA). THE DANCE IS SAID TO IMITATE THE MOVEMENT OF HORSES (EDUCALINGO DICTIONARY).

This tune appears in the Musician's Omnibus compiled and published by Elias Howe in 1863, Boston, MA. and in an earlier publication by Howe called the Musicians Companion, published in 1850.

The Dublin Lasses Reel

The Five Mile Chase My Heart Is In Dublin Arr. © 2022 by Greenblatt & Seay



Polka after Ed Quall in D



Edwin "Ed" Quall (1898-1970) was a fiddler from Holmen, Wisconsin. He taught his nephew, Leonard Finseth, how to play the fiddle and many of his tunes, including this one. I have also heard it called Bohlin's Polkett. A recording of this tune can be found in the Mills Music Library, Madison, Wisconsin, in the Arnold Munkel Collection from the recording of Leonard Finseth at Geno's at 40:12. Information and transcription by Beth Hoven Rotto, 2014. Notation by Kaden Buck, 2022. With funding from the Center for the Study of Upper Midwestern Cultures.

Edwin's First Polska Minnesota Fiddle Tunes Project 2012 Companion

Ivares Edvin (Edwin) Jonsson (1905-1984)



Ivares Edvin (Edwin) Jonsson was born in Dalarna Sweden in 1905 where he learned to play fiddle. He emigrated to Minneapolis in 1924 to escape the drought and weak economy of the times. He intended to stay in America for just a year. He packed his bags and his fiddle, but his mother forbade him to take the instrument, saying, "You're going to work, not to play." In America, Edwin couldn't bear being without a fiddle, so he built himself a new one and decided to stay in this country.

He settled in Minneapolis, under the name Edwin Johnson, and continued playing traditional music. He founded the American Swedish Spelmans Trio which became the ASI Spelmanslag in 1985. He played for the King of Sweden when King Carl XVI Gustaf visited the U.S in 1976.

About this tune:

Sometime before the First World War young Edwin Johnson was sent to bed while the adults had a barn dance. They played many tunes over and over again and those tunes worked their way into Edwin's mind. The next day he dug up a fiddle tried to figure out how to play what was in his head. This is the polska that he composed that day

EMMAS WALTZ



Flop-Eared Mule Schottische after Genette Burgess in D/A



Genette Leyse Burgess (1902-1977) of Waukon, Iowa from the Arnold Munkel Collection at the Mills Music Library, Madison, Wisconsin. Genette played this almost at polka speed and in the Keys of G/D. Beth Hoven Rotto's version is schottische tempo and in D/A.

Transcribed by Beth Hoven Rotto, 2022. Recordings available at the University of Wisconsin Mills Music Library.

Gary's Polka Minnesota Fiddle Tunes Project 2012 Companion

Bill Sherburne (1903-1991) С

Bill Sherburne is arguably one of the best known of the Minnesota old-time fiddlers of the last 100 years. Bill's father was from a family of 12 children, and they all played fiddle. His grandmother was also a very good fiddler. Bill started fiddling when he was 8 years old. Starting in the 1920s, he led dances in the Spring Grove area. There was a time when he put down his fiddle to concentrates on farming. In the 1960s he picked it up again and played dances until his last days.

Soldier's Joy

As played by Leizime Brusoe



Good for the Tongue

As played by Leizime Brusoe



Violin I

Halsa Dem Harhemma

arr MP Kleven

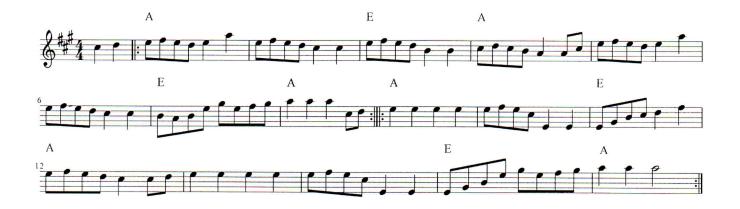


Haste to the Wedding

As played by Leonard Finseth



Storsveen's Schottische



A tune Leonard learned from Alfred Storsveen, a relatively unknown fiddler.

The Hills of Old Wisconsin

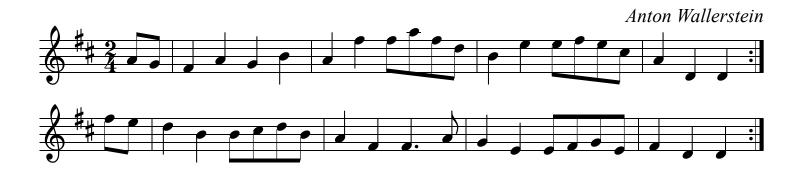


HONEST JOHN



This tune was referenced in the writings of Hamlin Garland as a dance tune played by his uncle David in LaCrosse, WI.

Jenny Lind



Little Gem Polka (SOTR SloJam)



Metsakukkia (Am) Woodland Flowers



Minnesota Waltz Minnesota Fiddle Tunes Project 2012 Companion

Lawrence Westad (1915-1999)/ Edward Selvaag (1909-2012)



Edwin Julius Selvaag of Folden township, Otter Tail county, Minnesota was proud to have won several trophies in fiddling contests. He collected violins and his love for music was enjoyed by family and friends for many years. He was contacted at one time by a man from the Smithsonian Institute who recorded him playing old Scandinavian tunes. His son Jerry accompanied him and the recording is in the archives of the Smithsonian Institute.

Money Musk

They say that this was first danced on the village green of
Moneymusk on the river Don in Aberdeenshine...
there have been as many variations on the original tune as there have
been fiddlers to play them. - Beth Tolman and Ralph Page, The Country Dance Book, 1937

Daniel Dow, c. 1776



OLD NORWEIGIAN WALTZ

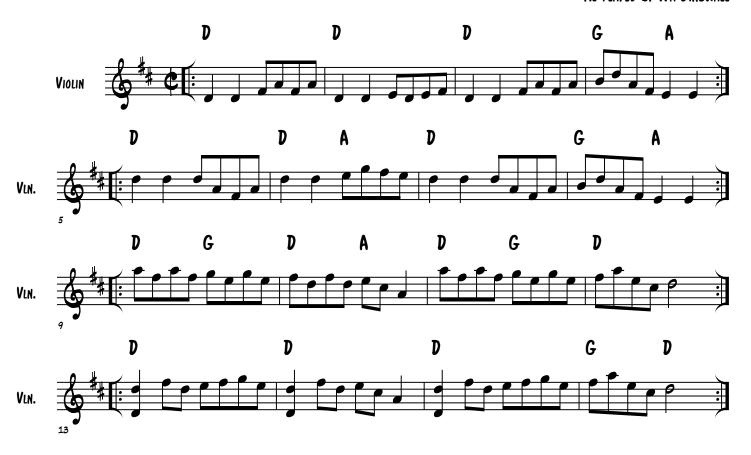


According to Elmo, he learned this tune from his grandfather Edward Wick in the 1930's. Edward played for dances in the Sunburg, MN area on the Hardanger fiddle in the 1890's.

CELEBRATED OPERA REEL

AKA OPERA REEL, DUKE OF CORNWALL'S REEL

AS PLAYED BY IVA DINGWALL



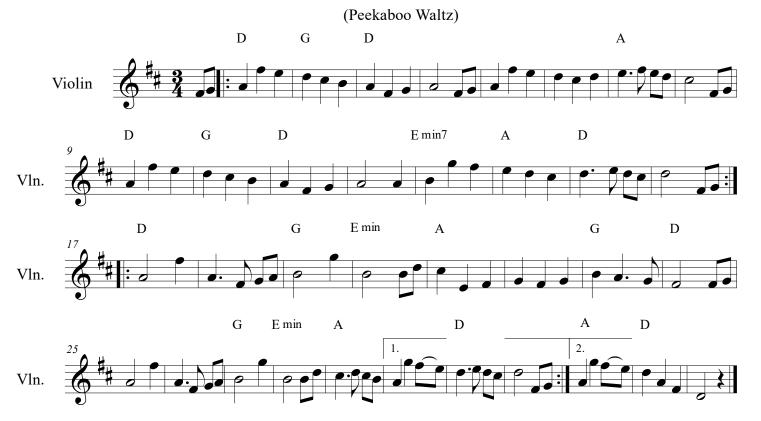
Iva calls it the Opera Reel which has numerous versions, however her version is called the "Celebrated Opera Reel" from the Musician's Companion compiled and published by Elias Howe in Boston, Massachusetts in 1850. It is nearly the same as an English reel called the Duke of cornwall's reel and it is quite similar to an Irish tune called McDonagh's reel. It's another lively tune – Iva plays it at 110 for a half note.

PATRICK COUNTY BLUES



This tune is similar to Hi Lo Schottische, although the B part differs. This tune was taught by Gail Heil who learned it from an old 78 recording from a West Virginia Band. It isn't the Blues, however, it is definitely a Schottische!

Svensk Anna's Waltz



Transcribed by Beth Hoven Rotto, 2022.

Pig Ankle Rag (SOTR Slojam)

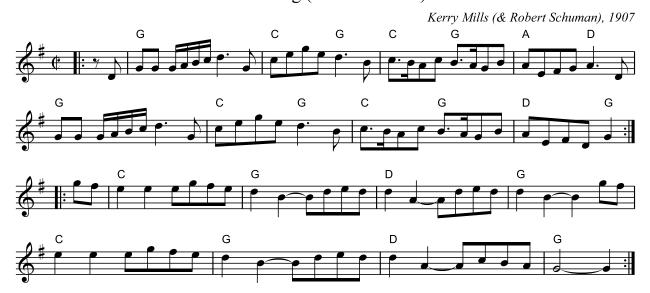


Randie Severson's Waltz



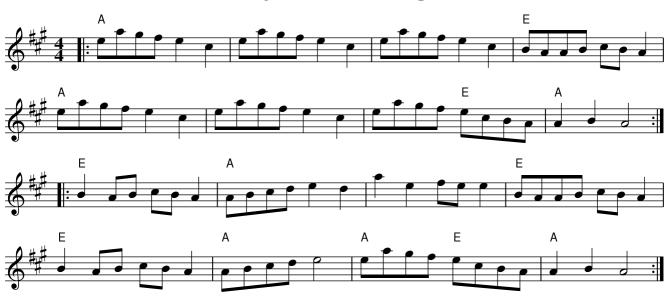
Randie Severson (1877-1959) from Wisconsin was a woman fiddler, very uncommon in early days. She was was popular in her home town of Eau Claire. Leaonard Finseth learned this tune from her.

Red Wing (SOTR SloJam)



In 1907 Kerry Mills turned Schuman's "The Happy Farmer" into yet another Tin Pan Alley smash hit. The fictional lyrics added by Thurland Chattaway tells the "Indian maid"'s sad loss of her "warrior bold."

Regis Belisle Two Step



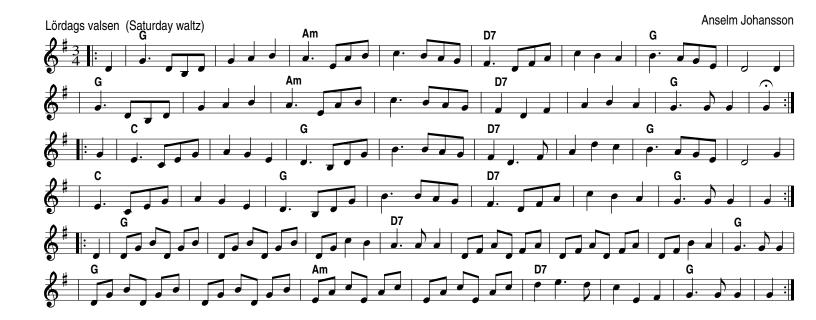
Regis Belisle was an Ojibwe from Wisconsin who passed the tune on to Otto Rindlisbacher.

Round Polka



Reinlendar etter Ringnesen Minnesota Fiddle Tunes Project 2012 Companion Schottische from Norway





Swing Bow Played 3x through then coda transcribed: Tim Wankel

Selmer Ramsey's Waltz

CD: Minnesota Fiddle Tunes Project 2012

Author: Selmer Ramsey
Played by Betsey Neil and Friends



Selmer Ramsey was born in 1914 in Highlanding Township, MN. His mother, Sophie Resla, was from Oslo, Norway. His father, James Ramsey, was from Albert Lea, MN. Selmer began playing the violin at the age of nine. In 1937 Selmer married Ruby McEnelly of Goodridge, MN. They have one daughter, Jean, and two grandchildren, Jeffrey and Kristen. Selmer was a dance band leader for many years in the Goodridge and Thief River Falls area. At one time his band played regularly over KTRF, a local radio station.

Many fiddlers know of Selmer Ramsey's Waltz but few know of it's origins or namesake.

Soldier's Joy

As played by Leizime Brusoe



Good for the Tongue

As played by Leizime Brusoe



STARLIGHT WALTZ



Stepladder Waltz Stegen Waltz

arr Bruce Bollerud



Storm Polka

Traditional, from the playing of Dwight Lamb (Danish)



SWAMPERS REVENGE ON THE WINDFALL



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Tater Vals "Gypsy Waltz"

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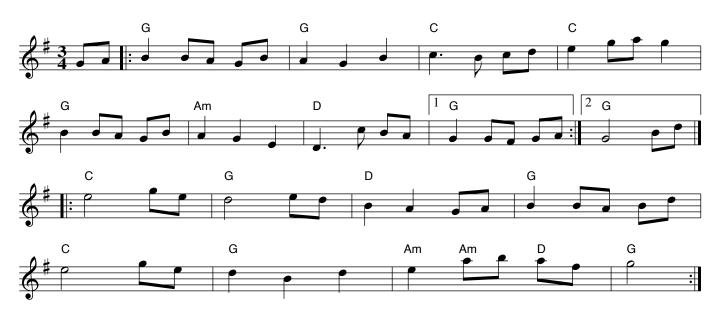






CIM Instructor and Eoin McKiernan Library director Brian Miller introduced **Tony Doherty's** to CIM from the Doherty family recordings. Father Tony was a fiddler and all three daughters Marge, Mary, and Joan played the piano. The tunes were recorded at the family home on Selby Avenue in St. Paul, and Tony used to play with local accordion player Martin McHugh at sessions around town. CIM's Open Sky Ensemble debuted the tune to the CIM audience in the January 2021 Ensemble Concert, and you can find the original recording in the archives on the Eoin McKiernan Library website.

Tony Doherty's Waltz



Uncle Pat's Schottische

As played by Dwight Lamb at the MBOTMA Fall Jam 2021

