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### **Belfast Flying Shoes is Ready to March Forth!**

BELFAST – Belfast Flying Shoes presents “March Forth!” on Friday, March 4, at 6:00 pm at the Fellowship Hall of the First Church in Belfast, UCC. The evening of exuberant fiddle tunes is the next step in the participatory dance and music nonprofit’s joyful return to 1st Friday programming.

Celebrated Maine musicians and music teachers, Greg Boardman, Elsie Gawler, and Steve Muise, will lead an All Comers Band music workshop with a theme of "March Forth". Besides learning tunes in 4/4 or 2/4 time, workshop participants will get tips on improvisation and creating exciting arrangements, both of which are special talents of the guest trio. All three musicians are longtime staff members at Maine Fiddle Camp, where they have inspired generations of fiddlers and cellists from throughout the state and beyond. Greg Boardman founded Maine Fiddle Camp and has played and taught music for decades, in his hometown of Lewiston and statewide; Elsie Gawler is a member of Elsie & Ethan, The Gawler Sisters, and the beloved Gawler Family Band, and grew up sleeping under the piano at contra dances; Steve Muise graduated from Berklee College of Music, and throughout his storied career as a music educator, has mentored hundreds of young musicians in the Mt Blue Regional School District, including the powerhouse high school ensemble, the Franklin County Fiddlers.

Following the workshop, the guest musicians will present a concert that highlights their varied and dynamic musical interests. The event concludes with an All Comers Band jam session, focused on tunes played at community and contra dances. Musicians of all ages, experience levels, and instruments are welcome. Attendees who don't play an instrument are invited to enjoy listening from their seats.

Sliding scale admission is \$5-20 per person. All attendees must wear a mask. The First Church is at 8 Court Street, with the Fellowship Hall entrance on Spring Street. Doors open at 5:30 for instrument tuning. The Fellowship Hall has limited capacity. For info and updated public health protocols, visit [www.belfastflyingshoes.org](http://www.belfastflyingshoes.org) or contact [belfastflyingshoes@gmail.com](mailto:belfastflyingshoes@gmail.com).

Belfast Flying Shoes was founded in 2005 with a mission to bolster the spirited dance and music community in Midcoast Maine. BFS programs include the Flying Shoes Radio Hour on WBFY, the "Sing Along and Tap Your Toes" concert series for older adults, and music lessons for residents at the Maine Coastal Regional Reentry Center.



CAPTION: Greg Boardman, Elsie Gawler & Steve Muise will "March Forth" to lead the Flying Shoes All Comers Band  
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