

Brent Buswell Biography

Brent Buswell has played the accordion since 1993, and enjoys playing a wide variety of music, including: jazz, polkas, Scandinavian, marches, Christian, and American standards. He especially enjoys playing the music of great composers such as Pietro Frosini, Charles Magnante, Pietro Deiro, and many others.

Brent has been a guest performer with the Grammy Award winning Jimmy Sturr Orchestra, and has performed for many functions throughout the Northeast including the National Finn Fest (1998) held in Gorham, ME, Swedish Midsummer Festival (Cape Cod, MA) and numerous FinnFunn Weekends.

In 1999 Brent was featured on the Sally Jesse Raphael Show in New York City. Brent also performed at Finn Fest 2001 in Philadelphia, PA and was the featured performer for the Scandinavian Midsummer Festival in Astoria, Oregon 2002, and again in 2005.

In March of 2003 Brent had the honor of performing at the Finnish Embassy in Washington D.C. In July 2005 Brent was asked to do a performance for Edensong, an annual folk music concert series, in Cincinnati OH. In August of that same year, Brent was featured as one of the performers at Finn Grand Fest 2005 in Marquette MI.

Because of the variety of music that Brent enjoys playing he entertains for many functions, including weddings and private parties. Brent has played for the Maison Robert French Restaurant in Boston, and performed at Shades of Green Resort at Disney World (2004-2005) with the Stratton Mountain Boys, a group of musicians from Austria.

In 2005, Brent performed on two tours with the Stratton Mountain Boys performing in New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Georgia, Louisiana, Florida and the Midwest. Also, in 2005, Brent was one of the guest artists at the Texas Accordion Association's accordion convention, which was held in Richardson, Texas. During this event, Brent taught two workshops, and performed several times as a solo accordionist, as well as with several of the other accordionists in attendance.

Brent graduated from Berklee College of Music in 2003, with a Bachelor's degree in professional music. During his time at Berklee, Brent also studied the piano, which has become his second instrument.

Brent now resides in Pennsylvania with his wife, Crista, who is also a fantastic musician. Brent and Crista have performed together on a number of occasions in Pennsylvania, as well as in Vermont.