

The Lilies of the Midwest



The Lilies of the Midwest are a trio of Irish traditional musicians in the Madison, Wisconsin area. Combining the unique sounds of concertina, mandolin, and fiddle, the Lilies of the Midwest inspire audiences with their infectious energy and joy.



The Lilies of the Midwest are:
Jeanna Schultz *mandolin, bouzouki, accordion*
Kara Rogers *concertina, accordion*
Charlene Adzima *fiddle, voice, feet*

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Jeanna Schultz
*mandolin, bouzouki,
accordion*

Multi-instrumentalist Jeanna Schultz began her mandolin career in college and she hasn't looked back. She is currently honing her skills on accordion under the tutelage of box master David Munnely.



Kara Rogers
concertina, accordion

A student of ex-Solas accordionist John Williams, Kara is an exciting, up-and-coming squeezebox player. Winner of the 2019 Midwest Fleadh Cheoil on concertina, she has competed in Ireland twice.



Charlene Adzima
fiddle, voice, feet

Former step dancer Charlene delights audiences with her driving fiddle-playing, which is influenced by Grammy-nominated fiddler Liz Carroll. Charlene has toured nationwide and notably had a residency at Dollywood.



Rick Nelson
guitar

When available, Ohio-based guitarist Rick Nelson joins The Lilies of the Midwest as an honorary lily. His thoughtful approach to accompaniment derives from the playing of Mícheál Ó Domhnaill and Dáithí Sproule.



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Past appearances

2017 Midwest Fleadh Cheoil
- 1st place Senior Trio
Dublin (Ohio) Irish Festival 2018, 2019, 2021
Belleville (WI) Music in the Park 2018
Madison Irish Set Dancing
American Players Theatre
Brocach Irish Pub, Madison, WI
Fisher King Winery, Verona, WI
Dane County Farmers' Market
Make Music Madison 2021
Tunes in the Terminal, Dane County
Regional Airport, 2019
Frank O'Dowd's Irish Pub,
The Irish Cottage, Galena, IL

Recording

Flora (EP) - 2021 *self-produced*



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