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**For immediate release:**

**Hot Fiddles from Cool Scandinavia Perform at Young Auditorium**

On Friday, September 16, 2011 at 7:30 pm Young Auditorium will be hosting the fiddle phenomenon Frigg. The band Frigg is at the crest of a new wave of Finnish fiddle music. The name Frigg (the Norse goddess of love and fertility) reflects the melding of Finnish with Norwegian fiddling. Tickets are available by calling 262-472-2222 or purchase on-line at [www.uww.edu/youngauditorium](http://www.uww.edu/youngauditorium).

Frigg includes three members, from Kaustinen, who are the fourth generation of famous fiddlers: Mauno's daughter Alina, son Esko, and nephew Antti. Two other members are from other parts of Finland. Also on fiddle are the brothers Gjermund and Einar Olav Larsen from Norway. The brothers' father, Geir Egil Larsen, would take them with him when he visited older fiddlers. They first visited Kaustinen with their father and there they met Mauno Jarvela and his family.

With their electric shows, and their second album in 2005, Keidas Oasis Oase they've been building up the buzz caused by their self-entitled 2002 debut album, the has been catching on, on both sides of the Atlantic. In a recent US tour when Frigg appeared on Garrison Keillor's famous radio show *A prairie Home Companion* the studio audience begged for an encore.

Antti Jarvela, despite being one Finland's best fiddlers, in Frigg largely plays double bass as he also does in JPP and in the fiddle and accordion band Troka, bringing a new inventiveness to Finnish folk bass playing.

Alina Jarvela has moved from a pupil of her father's to his colleague teaching hundreds of young fiddle players in the Kaustinen area and she also teaches classical violin at Tampere Suzuki School of Music.

Fiddling brother Esko Jarvela is also a key-pounding harmonium player, an instrument characteristic of Kaustinen wedding-bands.

The ground between fiddles and bass is covered by Petri Prauda and Tuomas Logren. Prauda from southern Finland, plays mandolin, cittern and Estonian bagpipes. Logren, from Finland's eastern border, plays guitar bringing a new sound to Finnish folk music.

Don't miss an exciting evening with Frigg, at Young Auditorium. Tickets are \$15.00 for the general public and \$7.50 for UW-Whitewater students and available by calling 262-472-2222 or on -line at [www.uww.edu/youngauditorium](http://www.uww.edu/youngauditorium)

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