

Francis Mangels --- Over 40 string instruments

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Stringed Music Instruction

My favorite instruments are those not tuned in fifths, because we have so many good mandolin and fiddle players up here I often neglect that group. However, I do excellence at most of the banjos, guitars, dulcimers, autoharps, lutes, lyres, kitharas, balalaikas, various harps, zithers, etc. I do spoons, jaw harps, harmonicas, nose flutes, etc. when the occasion warrants.

Favorite for Winter Season is floor harp and lute for Xmas carols. I do lots of charitable work during the holidays, including the extinct Harp of David. Also educational programs for schools, churches, other groups, free locally for public institutions.

From the Siskiyou Arts Council Website: www.siskiyouartscouncil.org

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Francis is known all over Siskiyou County, and internationally in the Medieval Society as a poet, musician, singer and instrument-maker. If he can't find some odd stringed instrument, he makes it. To that end, he thus performs on all the stringed instruments in Western Civilization.

He is an excellent singer, preferring the range of a Basso Profundo with a pianist. However, put a beer in his hand and he's belting out bluegrass. He does a large variety of styles, notably classic, folk, old-time, bluegrass, older pops, and anything written before 1600 A.D.

Considering ancient music, Francis is an awarded Bard in the Society for Creative Anachronism. His independent research has produced working models of the Saxon or Viking Hexachord Lyra and the Greek Kithara, the Harp of King David in the Bible. Francis has made and plays correctly the instrument of Psalms 33:2, and is at this time, the only 10 string Kithara player in the world.

Chartable and non-profit groups know Francis very well as a volunteer musician who often donates his talent. Groups or businesses who hire Francis find his rate adjustments for Siskiyou County very reasonable. "My music is essentially non-profit. As long as I can pay for maintenance of my instruments, travel, and miscellaneous expenses, I'm doing fine. I'm retired, so I don't need standard notes. Actually, I'm not a business and don't make a reportable income. It's a labor of love for churches and charities."

Francis can currently perform on the following 46 instruments:

Flatback Mandolin
Florentine Mandoline
Tenor Banjo
Plectrum Banjo
American Banjo
Bluegrass Banjo
Concert Banjo
Civil War Banjo Curiosity
Ukulele
Baritone Ukulele
Balalaika
Alto Ukulele
Alto Ukulele
Saxon 2 Chord Zither
Saxon 3 Chord Zither
Saxon Hexachord Lyra

Kithara (Harp of David)
Lute
12 string Guitar
Spanish classic Guitar
Steel 6 string Guitar
Hawaiian Guitar
Tenor 4 string Guitar
Parlor Guitar
Soprano Dulcimer
Alto Dulcimer
Tenor/Baritone Dulcimer
Parlor Dulcimer
Mouth Bow
Concert German Zither
Ukelin Zither
Violin Ukelin Zither

Tremaloe Zither
Guitar Chort Zither
Psaltery Zither
Autoharp Fiddle-4 bar
Autoharp Fiddle-12 bar bluegrass
Autoharp Fiddle-17 bar
Tenor Ukelele
Upright Bass
Celesthone Zither
Dobro
Harmonica Set
Kalimba (Thumb Piano)
Limbujack
Drums (dumbek)
Nose Flute
Misc. Noisemakers

