

# Dancing brings your group to life!

Folk dancing and live acoustic music can make your event unforgettable. In addition to being great fun, dancing helps you build relationships across ages and generations.

**AACTMAD Let's Dance!** plans a program for your group, arranges for a skilled dance leader who's experienced in working with groups like yours, and provides live acoustic music by skilled musicians. Sound support is provided if needed.



One to three hours is a good length for most groups. Affordable fees depend on the length of the event. Limited financial support is available through AACTMAD.

## Dancing and fundraising

With advanced planning and good publicity efforts, family dance events can be a great contributor to your group's fundraising program.

*"I wish I could dance every night!"*  
- Allegra, age 10

## Let's Dance! makes it easy

- Choose a date (at least 2 months ahead to make arrangements and get publicity out)
- Arrange for a location (wood floor is great, but not required)
- Supply us with a little information to help us plan your event
- Publicize your event through your group's networks
- Show up and participate in the dancing—and be ready to enjoy yourself!

*"I love to play music for family dances. I love seeing the dancers enjoying themselves. The only thing I don't love about it is that when I'm playing, I can't dance!"*  
-San Slomovits, Gemini

## Recent events

Ann Arbor Area Home Scholars  
Ann Arbor Open @ Mack School  
Haisley School  
Rudolf Steiner Lower School  
Saline Celtic Fest  
Slauson Middle School (with the Ann Arbor District Library *Songsters* program)  
St. Thomas School  
Spiritus Sanctus Academy



Maypole dancing at Saline Celtic Fest, above; Haisley School family dance night, right.



## Residencies

Bring live music and dance into your school, after-school, or church program. Your goals may include music enrichment through movement, learning social history, and creating and performing songs and stories. Students gain experience in collaboration, tolerance, and giving and receiving feedback. You set the schedule and the goals, and we'll arrange for the right leaders.



*"The leader of our residency took us on a dance trip back a hundred years or so. His costumes, songs, and stories set a mood that made history feel like a party. What a wonderful way to learn about the past!"*  
Martha McDowell, Teacher, Rudolf Steiner School



## More info

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## Ann Arbor Council for Traditional Music & Dance

AACTMAD is a nonprofit membership organization which enriches people's lives and sense of community through traditional music, dance, song, and related arts. Founded in 1979, AACTMAD sponsors over 200 public music, song, and dance events each year.



*"The residency program gives the students confidence in their presentation skills. Performing for an audience is something the youngsters will benefit from and remember for a long time to come, and that makes it especially valuable."  
Carol Mohrlock, Teacher, Ann Arbor public schools*



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**Dancing adds fun to:**  
Potlucks • Family nights • Fundraisers  
**Musical residencies for:**  
Educational enrichment • Team building



## Let's Dance!

*First, the fiddler's bright notes dance through the buzzing crowd: then you hear "Circle to the left!" and clumps of toddlers, schoolkids, teens, parents, and grandparents connect hands. Now they become something like a circle, and amazingly their steps start to match the beat. The circle is dancing! Smiles and laughter bubble around the room. **How can something so simple be so much fun?***

**AACTMAD Let's Dance!** makes it easy for you to add lively folk dancing to your PTO, church, or other family-focused group program:

- **Easy:** no experience or special skills needed
- **Community builder:** brings all ages, all generations together
- **Healthy exercise**
- **Great live music**
- **Just plain fun!**