

Plains Folk

Plains Folk is a vocal band that focuses on creating harmony accompanied by traditional acoustic instruments including guitar, mandolin, banjo, bass and hand –percussion. We have a unique harmony combined with traditional music that audiences enjoy and appreciate.

The music selection revolves around folk music, gospel, bluegrass and traditional “cowboy music”.

Since the inception of the Plains Folk, we have played varied venues, including several years at Oahe Days, four years on the freedom stage at the Corn Palace, two years as the opening act for the Sherwin Linton show at the South Dakota State Fair, an appearance on a freedom stage at the State Fair under our own name, two appearances at the annual country music festival in Madison, S.D., and have been part of the Old Courthouse Concert Series in Sioux Falls several times. We have performed at the Sully County fair in Onida, and have performed several years at the Hart Ranch near Rapid City. One of our favorite performance venues is Christmas time at the State Capitol.

Our group consists of six members, all from Pierre: Gene Lumby, Merlin Bennett, Jamie Freestone, Steve Van Mullem, Patti Heintz and Gary Heintz.