



Are you in search of the absolute best in entertainment excellence? Presenting the Alaska String Band...

Hailing from Alaska's capital city of Juneau, the Zahasky family, also recognized internationally as the Alaska String Band, brings the best of Americana music. This dynamic five member band makes its home on the last frontier and is the subject of much curiosity and inspiration for all those who happen to be fortunate to see one of their shows. An inside note will reveal Paul and Melissa, husband and wife of 27 years; and their three children - daughter Laura, age 19, son Quinn, age 17 and daughter Abigail, age 13. When not out recreating in the magnificent wilderness setting of their remote home town which can only be visited by either boat or plane (there are no roads to access Juneau, Alaska) this family occupies itself by entertaining visitors on board cruise ships in Alaskan waters and at the Chilkat Theatre among the alpine slopes of a mountain-top destination during the Alaskan summer months. Aboard a forty-foot bus, the Alaska String Band ventures further abroad and is quickly gaining an enthusiastic following in the lower forty-eight states and Canada as it tours nationally each fall and early winter bringing its extraordinary music and fascinating Southeast Alaska Odyssey Show to thousands.

This family-friendly performance artfully weaves a tapestry of atmospheric impressions giving an intimate peek into the curiosities of one of America's treasured and pristine wilderness escapes.....

* Moving along at a lively pace, **American-roots music favorites** are showcased, touching on genres such as swing - jazz - bluegrass - pop - folk - dawg - gospel - Hawaiian - Celtic and Russian. Of particular interest are **original tunes** composed and sung by this ensemble which reflect the hardship of the Alaskan gold fever experience as well as a ballad, The Wreck of the Princess Sophia, which soulfully depicts the courage and tragedy of early explorers in Alaska's untouched wilderness. As gifted multi-instrumentalists the family often swap instruments throughout a performance with an impressive collection of acoustic stringed instruments including guitars, violin-fiddles, mandolins, dulcimer, banjo, bass, ukuleles and percussion; knitting it all together are the "Z" family signature vocal harmonies.

* **Energetic dance** ignites the performance with color and movement. And new to this season's audiences are show stopping **musical stunts**, executed by the children and infusing an electrical charge to the show.

* **Evocative photographic images** provide a backdrop of rich historical context in the spirit of Alaska; featuring wildlife, scenery, history, hard rock mining enterprises, native culture, contemporary lifestyle and adventure.

* The **Zahasky family narration** brings to life ancient customs and stories as well as an intimate peek at the lives of contemporary Alaskans - laced with humor, scandal, tragedy and celebration.

* Of particular delight to audiences across the nation and abroad, the Alaska String Band appears in this season's **gorgeous and authentic Alaskan native Yu'pik Eskimo tribe kuspuk costumes**; exclusively designed and hand crafted by the Zahasky family.

What are others saying about the Alaska String Band???

"There's a family band playing bluegrass up here on the mountain and they totally wail!"

Juneau Empire.

“The Alaska String Band are one of the most entertaining groups you will see.” Byron Berline -- world famous fiddler and founder & director of the Oklahoma International Bluegrass Festival.

“These guys are shredders!” Atlin Arts and Music Festival -- Atlin, British Columbia, Canada.

“A perennial favorite in and around Alaska for their lively, high quality string music. Their concerts are relaxed, up-beat and charming. Audiences love them.” Juneau Arts and Humanities Council.

“This group is polished and harmonies are totally off the charts. Not just your typical bluegrass group but truly a showstopper.” T.C., Texas talent seeker.

*“The last event in which I served as keynote speaker had really good entertainment. But these folks (Alaska String Band) are **Alaska** good. The Alaska String Band Rocks!”* Sarah Palin -- former governor of the state of Alaska.

Of particular note – the Alaska String Band has recently been on tour in Texas and has been nominated *the show of the year* in the Rio Grande Valley. In addition, Alaska String Band’s 17-year-old Quinn has been nominated as *bass player of the year* for the 2011 Fame Awards Show and Ceremony.

As others have indicated, audiences delight in the youthful exuberance of our family which exhibits extraordinary musicianship, technical skill and interpretative ability. Since 2006, the Alaska String Band has consistently enthused audiences resulting in standing ovations and encores in a myriad of venues throughout the country. This has included over sixty shows on board Holland America, Norwegian, Silver Sea, Regent Sea and Azuka Cruise Lines in the inland water ways of Southeast Alaska. As well, the Alaska String Band has shared stages across the nation with other illustrious entertainers such as Mark O’Conner’s Appalachian Waltz Trio, Rhonda Vincent and the Rage, the Gibson Brothers, Monroe Crossing, Larry Gatlin, the Kruger Brothers, Edgar Cruze, the Byron Berline Band, Special Consensus and IIIrd Time Out; to name a few.

For further information or to contact the Alaska String Band visit their web site at www.AlaskaStringBand.net.