

The Band...

TOM MORLEY:

(fiddle, guitar, bouzouki, mandolin) has performed professionally in almost every style of music. Before moving to Fairhope in 1993, he worked as a studio and touring musician in Nashville, earning a gold album with a major country act. He has had two European tours as a jazz violinist. As an Irish/Celtic fiddler, he has twice traveled to Ireland to perform and research the music of County Clare and western Ireland. At Boston's Gaelic Roots Summer Workshop, he studied with famous Irish fiddlers Manus McGuire (Brock-McGuire Band, Moving Cloud) and Matt Cranitch and performed alongside legendary musicians Tommy Peoples, Donal O'Connor, and Michael Tubridy of The Chieftains. Tom has also performed with accordionist Jeff Taylor, who appears on The Chieftan's Down the Old Plank Road CD, and John Mock, who performs regularly with Maura O'Connell and the Dixie Chicks. Tom is a member of the Mobile Symphony and a founding member of the Silverwood Quartet, a chamber ensemble with an eclectic repertoire.

ANDRA BOHNET:

(Irish flute, whistle, Celtic harp) is a flutist who embraces a rich variety of musical styles and performs on flutes of all shapes and sizes; classical, traditional wooden, baroque and a variety of ethnic instruments, as well as Celtic harp. She holds the post of Professor of Music at the University of South Alabama in Mobile where she teaches flute, music history, and chamber music and is the principal flutist with Mobile Symphony and the Gulf Coast Symphony in Biloxi, MS. Andra is also a founding member of the Silverwood Quartet. As Silverwood's primary arranger, her works appear on all of their CDs, and she has also created the Mithril symphonic orchestrations. She has studied traditional flute playing at the Boxwood Flute Festival in Lunenburg, Nova Scotia and is on the faculty at the Wind on the Bay Flute Symposium in East Greenwich, Rhode Island.

BEN HARPER:

(guitar, bass, flute) was raised in a family of musicians and has been playing one instrument or another as long as he can remember. He majored in flute at the University of South Alabama, studying with Mithril's own Andra Bohnet, and received a Bachelor's in music education. He has worked in all aspects of the music business, including retail sales and as an announcer at WHIL Radio in Mobile. Since the mid-1990s, he has performed in a number of jazz and rock bands along the Gulf Coast (actually 9 at last count), and brings a high-energy rock sensibility to the music of Mithril. In addition to being a musician, Ben is the official photographer of the Mobile Symphony Orchestra. You can visit his website at

DAVID HUGHES:

(percussion, harmonium, melodica) is a percussionist/composer who enjoys a wide array of musical styles, including jazz, rock, gospel, classical and multiple ethnic traditions. As a composer he has created diverse musical works that include pieces for traditional ensembles, ethnic instruments, and mixed media. Hughes also enjoys facilitating drum circles and world music classes for multiple community groups, including Arts Educators of Alabama, The Boys and Girls Club, and various youth scholars programs.