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The Gritpickers Old Time String Band

The Gritpickers are Don Jacques on fiddle and guitar, Rob Daves on banjo and Gene Willms on guitar. They play old time string band music that has its cultural roots in Appalachia, and perform tunes from Minnesota and other parts of the Midwest.



Rob

Playing for square and contra-dances is one love. Traditional string band music from 1700s to the 1900s is another. You'll find traditional waltzes and perhaps a schottisch or two in their repertoire -- mainly from traditional Minnesota fiddlers.



Don

Minnesota native Don Jacques picked up the guitar and fiddle late in life and admits to a short dalliance with bluegrass before falling in love with traditional old-time music. Rob hails from North Carolina where he grew up listening to traditional music on radio and TV in the 1950s. Gene is a trained luthier from Chanhassen who enjoys the old parlor ballads -- especially when harmonies are involved.



Gene

The Gritpickers play for weddings, square dances, block parties, farmers' markets, community events, garage door openers, and other hallmark cultural events. They released their first CD, *Harmony Grits*, in 2011, and their second, *Camp Meeting*, in 2018.

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