



*An Urban Contra Dance Weekend Featuring*

# The Great Bear Trio & Joyride



**The Great Bear Trio** is one of the most exciting and talked about contra dance bands in the country. Brothers Andrew and Noah VanNorstrand compose and arrange much of the group's material, drawing heavily on Celtic and Appalachian fiddling traditions, but with plenty of room for improvisation. Accompanied by their mother Kim on the piano, Great Bear will bring their unique brand of high-energy music to us from New York.



**Joyride** is a contra dance band of friends from Portland, Oregon. With musicality and fun energy, Joyride plays old and new dance tunes from New England, the British Isles, Appalachia, and French Canada. George Penk's richly-danceable fiddle is joined by Erik Weberg's flute, harmonica, & bombarde, Sue Songer's lilting piano and Jeff Kerssen-Griep's ebullient guitar and percussion. Sue also joins George to drive twin fiddles.

*~with callers~*

## George Marshall & Bev Bernbaum



**George Marshall** is a full-time musician/caller/dance teacher whose specialty is teaching and calling the New England-style contra dances he has collected throughout the country. He is renowned for his knack of matching music to dance and for his smooth, concise teaching and presentation. George is a talented concertina and bodhran player and he also produces music and dance events, including dance vacations in exotic locales.



**Bev Birnbaum** has long been in demand as a caller in her home town of Toronto and the surrounding Ontario area and often travels south of the border to call. Always on the lookout for interesting figures or formations to mix things up, Bev's philosophy is to call the dances that she likes to dance herself. Her clear voice, calm manner, and straightforward teaching style will make dancing with her a pleasure.

☛ **Registration opens March 1!** Online preferred, or use form on back.

Sign up early while space is available! [www.bacds.org/btb](http://www.bacds.org/btb)

**Saturday Evening: Dinner on site ♦ Dance Party Theme - Black and White**

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