# **Musical Skills For ONE Band**

#### **Basic level**

These are basic ideas you will learn. Don't worry if you don't have these skills yet. This list lets you know what to work on so you don't get taken by surprise. Ask Brian, your music teacher, your peers, or the Internet for help.



#### **Guitar Skills**

- Chords A<sup>7</sup> Dm Gm C<sup>7</sup> G G<sup>7</sup> Fm C D A Em Bm B<sup>7</sup> F E<sup>7</sup> Am B<sup>b</sup>m
- Know how to read a **Lead Sheet** (chord chart)
- Know how to play a punchy "Boom Chuck" (bass and backbeat) guitar strum.

#### Fiddle Skills

- Know how to read a **Lead Sheet** for melody and accompaniment.
- Scales A Dm D G Em Am Bbm and Efreygish
- Understand that traditional tunes MUST be learned from experienced traditional fiddlers. Playing from sheet music is great but at some point you have to learn the finer points.

#### **Piano Skills**

- Chords A<sup>7</sup> Dm Gm C<sup>7</sup> G G<sup>7</sup> Fm C D A Em Bm B<sup>7</sup> F E<sup>7</sup> Am B<sup>b</sup>m
- Know how to read a <u>Lead Sheet</u> (chord chart)
- Know how to play an aggressive "oom pah" (bass and backbeat) piano accompaniment.

# Bb Brass/Sax/Clarinet Skills

- Scales G Em E A F#m Bm Cm F#<sub>Freygish</sub>
- You will do some easy improvising. This requires that your fingers and brain are familiar with the right note to play in certain scales and chords. You might feel like you are wandering in a fog but you will get it (and we will enjoy the experience of watching you wander).
- Know how to read a **Lead Sheet** for melody and accompaniment.

# Lower Brass/Bass Skills

- 1-5 bass patterns for the chords we play. A D G C F E B Bb
- Be able to aggressively play punchy bass notes when the band needs it.
- Be able to identify the *rhythm section* and keep in time with them.
- Know how to read a **Lead Sheet** and figure out an accompaniment based on the chords.

## **Vocal Skills**

- Learn to imitate skilled traditional singers or at least understand why they sing like they do.
- Know how to read a **Lead Sheet** (chord chart)

## **Percussion Skills**

- Be able to identify the *rhythm section* and keep in time with them.
- Know how to read a **Lead Sheet** (chord chart)