

"CrosStrung" is one of Utah's most exciting acoustic groups. Entertaining with their tight harmonies and hot instrumentals is what this fun group is all about. Not only do they switch off playing each others' instruments, on occasions 3 or 4 of them can be seen playing on the same instrument at the same time. State champions Dan Riggs on fiddle and Sarah (Cluff) Riggs on mandolin and guitar, are joined by Old Time Fiddler Junior winner, Leah Cluff on fiddle, Daniel Cluff on banjo, guitar, cajon, electric bass, Emma Cluff on acoustic bass, and Sheri Cluff (mom) on guitar, banjo, and bodhran. The band enjoys performing a variety of bluegrass, celtic and acoustic music, adding their own unique style.

On July 4, 2009, they won the National Family Talent Search and went to Branson, MO, to open for the Hughes Family.

Getting gigs is not difficult for this group, they've been seen at Thanksgiving Point, Sundance, Snowbird, Tahitian Noni, County fairs, and many other community and State wide events.

Dan Riggs, 24, has toured with the folk band and dance company, Clog America, representing the United States in Greece, Turkey, Germany, England, Romania, Hungary, China, Mexico, and Brazil. He has played with jazz, country, rock, and bluegrass bands, but his favorite songs to play are the hot fiddle tunes.

He has placed 1st in many fiddle competitions all over Utah. What he enjoys most about playing music is the audience's response, "The bigger the crowd the better."

His hobbies are extreme sports, rock climbing, BMX biking, flying stunt kites, windsurfing, snowboarding, scuba diving, and restoring old trucks.

Sarah (Cluff) Riggs, 21, toured with Clog America to Greece, Turkey, Italy and Poland. She played in the folk music program at BYU for three years. In 2008 she spent a week in Ireland studying celtic music and in 2009 she attended a celtic workshop in British Columbia.

She especially enjoys playing on the stage in front of an audience. She has won First Place, twice on Mandolin and once on Guitar at the Utah State Old Timers Fiddlers competitions in Richfield, Utah.

She enjoys reading classic literature and science fiction, going on walks, rock climbing, crocheting, and, of course, playing music with her husband Dan.

Leah Cluff, 17, has taken lessons and played the Fiddle since she was 7 years old. She practices the Fiddle every day. "I do read music but I prefer to pick up the music by ear. I especially like Blue Grass and Celtic to listen to and to play," Leah said.

She placed 1st at the Wheeler Farms Old Time Fiddlers Competition in 2009 and 2nd Place at the State Old Time Fiddlers Competition in Richfield in 2010.

Sheri Cluff mother of 8 and grandmother of 6. She plays guitar, bodhran, banjo, and Irish Flute. In her spare time she draws portraits of her children, and dances with her husband.

Emma Cluff, 15, started playing the electric bass at age 9. She can now play the bass fiddle as well. Emma enjoys writing and drawing.

Daniel Cluff, 23, is the only son of the Cluff children. He plays the banjo, guitar, cajon, bass, and sings lead vocals.

His hobbies are computers, business management and playing music.