



WEST VIRGINIA
WESLEYAN COLLEGE

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To Whom It May Concern:

FiddleKicks began a short residency on the campus of West Virginia Wesleyan College (Buckhannon, WV) March 18, 2008. By the time they left over 1,100 people—children, seniors, college and public school students, challenged citizens and fellow cloggers—were very sorry to say “Goodbye.”

The evening of the 18th FiddleKicks held a workshop on the basic movements for clogging. The skills of the 27 participants ranged from none to 2 years of step dance training. 8 people were from a group of challenged individuals who get together regularly to sing but were invited to come dance. The session leader, Ellie Grace, was patient, upbeat, clear and fun.

The following night over 380 people saw a performance by the entire group which had everyone clapping, smiling, humming, singing, and—in the end—dancing.

On the morning of March 20, 920 school children—Kindergarten through 5th grade—their teachers, and some college students benefited from a short introduction to the history of Appalachian dance through a talk by the violinist/fiddler Matt Brown and demonstrations by the group. The children were entranced.

At each event the individual members of FiddleKicks displayed expertise, skill, energy, an engaging stage personality, and professionalism. Offstage, they were just as obliging.

I hope WWC will be able to host them again in the future.

Sincerely,

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