White Water (Dean and Bette Premo and Carrie, Emma, and Susan Dlutkowski) will perform in a fundraising concert for the Iron County Historical Museum July 7 at the Windsor Center Auditorium in Iron River. (IC Museum photo)

CASPIAN—White Water, one of northern Michigan's most popular folk music groups, will perform a concert at the Windsor Center Auditorium in Iron River July 7 at 7 p.m. as a fundraiser for the Iron County Historical Museum.

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Dean and Bette Premo have made music as White Water since 1985 and have been strong advocates of involving young musicians.

For the museum concert, White Water will be joined by Houghton-based "fiddlers" Emma and Carrie Dlutkowski and their mother Susan (piano).

Emma and Carrie are long-time members of the U.P. classical music scene and for the last three years they have been frequent performers with White Water.

They have also been popular performers at the Open Mic Night at the Windsor Auditorium.

In addition to old and new White Water favorite tunes and stories, the ensemble will feature the music of Konsta Jylhä (1910-1984), a folk-virtuoso who made the traditional pelimanni-style folk music a Finnish cultural phenomenon.

As a special treat, Emma and Carrie will show off some of their French-Canadian fiddling and foot percussion.

The White Water ensemble will have at least a dozen instruments on stage including hammer dulcimers, fiddles, mandolins, guitars, piano, and more.

Working with Dean Premo, Carrie Dlutkowski built a hammer dulcimer in 2010 and has quickly developed into a fine player.

"This concert will be great fun," said Bette Premo. "The energy and musical skills of Emma and Carrie add a great dimension to the music. Susan's harmonium-style piano gives the Finnish tunes an emphatic pulse."

In 1985, Drs. Bette and Dean founded the environmental laboratory and consulting firm White Water Associates.

The nationally recognized firm provides services in soil and water testing, scientific consulting, and environmental education (www.white-water-associates.com).

The Iron County Historical Museum, in operation since 1968, seeks to fulfill its mission to "preserve and share our Iron County Heritage." (See: www.ironcountyhistoricalmuseum.org or find the organization on Facebook.)

"We're absolutely thrilled and grateful that White Water will be performing to benefit our museum," said Museum Director Ross Parcels.

"Having listened to White Water's music and having watched them play on several occasions, I can't think of a better fit for our museum, and we know that people who attend this

concert will be treated to a great time.”