“Little Folk Musicians of Jarvela,” a leading fiddle group of Finland, will be in concert at the Crystal Theatre Sunday, Sept. 16, at 3 p.m. There are no advance tickets for this performance. Tickets at the door are $12 for adults and $5 for youths 18 and under. (Crystal Theatre photo)

CRYSTAL FALLS—One of the leading fiddle groups of Finland, JPP, will perform at Crystal Theatre Sunday, Sept. 16 at 3 p.m.

JPP, short for Järvelän pikkupelimannit or “Little Folk Musicians of Järvelä,” formed in 1982 in Kaustinen, the fiddling capital of Finland.

It is home to the Kaustinen Folk Music Festival every July, which draws musicians from around the world.

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A family of musicians that stretches back for several generations forms the core of the group. Mauno Jarvela and his nephew, Arto Jarvela, are at the center.

With a solo career that has led to appearances with a host of other Nordic folk musicians, Arto is called “the busiest man in Finnish folk music.”

Over the years, Mauno has taught almost every child in Kaustinen to fiddle, so many of his students have played with JPP.

Another one of JPP’s stars is harmonium player and arranger, Timo Alakotila, who has his own solo career.

JPP’s musical roots go back to the 19th century. Members of the group have studied other genres, including classical and jazz.

A recent review says, “JPP has created a style all its own, one that is impossible to categorize easily and one which continuously surprises.”

JPP has toured and performed on every continent and has recorded nine albums. Their latest studio album, Artology, exhibits the brilliant composing and arranging skills of chief writer Arto Järvelä.

“You don’t have to be Finnish to appreciate these musicians,” says Theatre Manager Charlie Sandstrom. “But they will make you proud if you are!”

No advanced tickets will be sold for this event.

Admission at the door is $12 for adults and $5 for youth under 18. The box office will open at 2 p.m.