

# *Infinite Winter Squash: New Maine Fiddle Music*

A musical journal of Maine's farm-fresh foods and good company.

Original New England-style dance tunes written by Hope Hoffman, recorded by Hope with [Kittlish](#).

"Pure New England fiddle music, proud of its rural past, relishing the present ... the feeling of a warm kitchen above a well-stocked root cellar ... The performances are inviting, warm, energized and straight ahead, with a bit of mischief thrown in." - [Greg Boardman](#), longtime Maine fiddler and teacher

"Hope's waltzes ... convey an original sensibility, with particular passages which more hip reviewers might be inclined to call 'edgy,' and yet she has captured the sweetness of the waltz, that faraway quality which speaks to our instincts for things which exist simply for the sake of their own beauty."  
- [Jeff Trippe](#), reviewer for [Mainefolkmusic.com](#)

Hope Hoffman's CD and concerts feature her **original dance tunes** on fiddle and viola, inspired by often-humorous stories of friends' and neighbors' experiences with farm foods. Hoffman's imaginative and narrative approach to composing incorporates traditional Maine dance music, with styles including Scots-Irish, French & Scandinavian.

Hope Hoffman's band, Kittlish, is named after a Scottish slang word for "ticklish." It features Larry Burkett on guitar and bouzouki, Hugh McGinness on cittern, cross-tuned guitar and jaw harp, and Hope on fiddle, viola and singing.

Concerts and CD sales are often partnered with local food-related businesses and organizations through Free Grange™ Productions ([www.freegrange.org](http://www.freegrange.org)).

The CD is a Free Grange™ publication ([www.freegrange.org](http://www.freegrange.org)) sold by organizations promoting local agriculture for their own profit, including: [Willow Pond Farm](#) in Sabattus, ME. 395 Middle Road (on Route 9, very near I-95), (207) 375-6662.

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CDs are also available at: Upcoming [concerts and dances](#) ; Online at [CDBaby.com](#) ; Wild Rufus (207) 236-2263 in Camden, ME ; Online at [klaritymusic.com](#)



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