

About Skillywidden:

Very short version:

Skillywidden are the leading lights of the nos lowen style of Cornish dance music. Their exhilarating performances convey the sheer joy they take in Cornwall's indigenous culture.

Slightly more:

Leading lights of the nos lowen style of Cornish Celtic dance music, Skillywidden are renowned for whipping up wildly enthusiastic festival and nos lowen dance crowds across Cornwall and beyond. The line-up includes members of the internationally acclaimed Cornish band Dalla, as well as special guests drawn from the cream of Cornwall's musical talent, both from the world of traditional Cornish music, and from other genres too. Skillywidden's exhilarating performances convey the sheer joy they take in Cornwall's indigenous culture.

Nos lowen is a style of Cornish social dancing, with a strong sense of place here in Cornwall, including very ancient traditional Cornish elements, but also much that comes from the vibrant living tradition that has exploded here in recent times. Less formal than ceilidhs, you can just jump up and follow the leaders, learning as you go along. Alternatively, if you can resist dancing, the music is brilliant just to listen to anyway!

Skillywidden: 'A sonic swirl of pipes, fiddle, clarinet, bouzouki and trombone.' (The Guardian)

Nos lowen: 'A Cornish music explosion... A musical renaissance...' (The Guardian)