

## FREQUENTLY-ASKED QUESTIONS

*The Zouki Research Labs have fielded some really great questions over the years. While "frequently asked" may be an exaggeration, the ZRL is confident that the following examples will improve your life in some way or another.*

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*Q: I keep hearing about "The Butterfly and The Unicorn". Is that the movie where the shy professor and the chorus girl strike up a relationship?*

**A: No, that was "The Owl and The Pussycat". Despite its innocent-sounding name, "The Butterfly and The Unicorn" is actually a horror flick about a pub full of musicians being terrorized by a demonic cadre of third-week whistle players and pseudo-adorable children with bodhráns. Traditional musicians who have seen the movie have reported recurring sleep disorders for months afterwards.**

*Q: Does the paleo-heuristic microtonal structure of "Devaney's Goat" truly act as a catalyst for the figurative gestalt device, or does it represent rather a preternatural symbiosis of earlier transitional impedimenta?*

**A: It all depends.**

*Q: Can aluminum whistles harm you?*

**A: Only if swallowed or sat upon, or both.**

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*Q: Is there any truth to the rumor that movie legend Joan Crawford and Clare fiddler Junior Crehan were dating at one time during the late 1960's?*

**A: No, but they spent a lot of time on the phone with one another.**

*Q: I'm going to be in Binswanger, Iowa, for a while as part of the Federal Witness Protection Program. Any good sessions?*

**A: Curiously enough for a town of 348 people consisting mainly of descendants of Bavarian immigrants, there are sessions almost every night at "Das Musik-haus" on Alpen Avenue (near the Amtrak station). That's the good news. The bad news is that the session leader is a bodhrán player named Fritz who wears lederhosen.**

*Q: My father is an ethnomusicologist, but I'm too ashamed to tell that to my friends when they ask what he does for a living. What should I say?*

**A: Tell them [1] that he's not your real father, just some dirtbag your mother married after your real Daddy went to Heaven, or [2] that he's a rising star in the local branch of the Mafia, or [3] tell them the truth, but explain that he's doing quite well with the therapy and expects to take the Civil Service exam for animal control officer very soon.**

*Q: Can you explain some of the frequently-used abbreviations I encounter on social media?*

**A: Certainly. Here are some of the common ones: LOL = Lazy Obnoxious Loafer. IMHO = Irish Musician Hating Others. OUATAAVGTIW = Once Upon a Time and A Very Good Time It Was. ABPACCKMA = Anyone Believing Piano Accordions Comical**

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**Can Kiss My Ass. WWWWWW = Walloon Whistle Wizard Wants Wild Women.**

*Q: Can we bring this ridiculous post to a conclusion?*

**A: Consider it done.**

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