



## About The NorVikes

The NorVikes is the name of a musical duo comprised of Mary McChesney and Rick Sletten. Mary and Rick met while in the 108th Army Band. They played in the small combo together and played for many events and functions throughout the years. Rick plays keyboard and sings and Mary plays saxophone, various percussion instruments, guitar and sings also. After they had both retired from the Army Band, their paths crossed again and they became close friends. Rick was playing at care homes through Audrey's Angels and he asked Mary to play with him. Their duo was well liked and they decided to name their act The NorVikes after Norwegian which is their heritage and Vikings both the Minnesota football team and the vikings of Norwegian history. They are known for their wonderful performance of 40's, 50's, 60's, 70's and classics.

### Richard (Rick) Sletten



#### Keyboard/Vocals/Drums

Rick has been a musician for more than 50 years. He has played in many groups both as a drummer and keyboard player.

Notably, he played with the Hubland Orchestra, Deliverance, The Vanguards, The Vern Malaffa Orchestra, Richie Wynn and the Tornados, Mary Joyce and the Pioneers as well as several other bands.

Rick spent just short of 30 years in the National Guard and is now retired from the Army Band. He spent 6 years in the artillery in Minnesota National Guard, 14 years in the 188th Army Band of the North Dakota National Guard and 10 years in the 108th Army Band of the Arizona National Guard. He proudly performed at many important functions during his years in the Army Bands including several performances for President George W. Bush, Governors of ND and MN, the 60th anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor in Hawaii, several Medal of Honor recipient ceremonies and many other military functions.

Rick trained as a Piano Tuner and became certified by Yamaha's Little Red School of Piano Technology and worked for Wurlitzer as a corporate technician trainer, as well as being a member of the Piano Technician's Guild and he has worked as a piano tuner for over 40 years.

Rick has a BS from Moorhead State University in Elementary Ed and taught elementary school in various states for 5 years and then started his own piano tuning business

## **Mary McChesney**



### **Saxophone/Vocals/Percussion**

Mary has been a musician for more than 45 years. She spent 4 years in the active duty Air Force as a computer operator and once she was honorably discharged, she pursued computers as her career and retired from the City of Phoenix in 2013.

Over the years, she has played with various groups as a saxophone player, on keyboard, guitar, bass guitar, clarinet and other instruments.

Mary went to Arizona State University and studied Music and Russian. While there she played in the Sun Devil Marching Band for 4 years and also played in the concert band there playing bass clarinet, saxophone and percussion and in the sax quartet.

After moving to Phoenix she joined the 108th Army Band where she spent 17 years playing saxophone, clarinet and other instruments as needed. She was honored to play for various events such as President George W Bush, Medal of Honor recipients, the 60th Anniversary of Pearl Harbor in Hawaii at the USS Arizona Memorial, Arizona's Governor and many other functions. She retired from the Army Band in 2009.

Mary received a BA at Arizona State University in Russian and studied Music also. She then received a Masters of Education in Secondary Ed also from Arizona State University.

## Partial Song List

A White Sport Coat  
All I Have To Do is Dream  
All Of Me  
Alley Cat  
Almost Like Being In Love  
Blue Spanish Eyes  
By The Time I Get To Phoenix  
Cab Driver  
Could I Have This Dance  
Crystal Chandeliers  
Crazy  
Fly Me to the Moon  
For All We Know  
For The Good Times  
The Girl From Ipanema  
God Bless the USA  
Great Balls Of Fire  
Happy Birthday  
Happy Trails To You  
I Just Fall In Love Again  
I Left My Heart In San Francisco  
If I Fell  
It Had To Be You  
It's Now or Never  
I've Got You Under My Skin  
Just The Way You Are  
Kansas City  
King Of The Road  
Last Date  
Mack The Knife  
Margueritaville  
Moon River  
New York New York  
Night and Day  
Paper Roses  
Release Me  
Proud Mary  
Ramblin' Rose  
Roses Are Red My Love  
Samba De Orfeu  
Satin Doll  
Somewhere Beyond the Sea  
Stranger on the Shore  
Take Me Home Country Road  
The Anniversary Waltz  
The Days of Wine and Roses  
Top Of The World  
We've Only Just Begun  
Whole Lotta Shakin

Logos:



Photo Gallery













Mary – USAF Basic training photo 3/1977



Rick – US Army Basic training photo 8/1965



Mary and Rick and The Combo 2005 Medal of Honor recipient event





Rick and Mary and other members of the combo at a military event



Mary getting ready to play for a deployment event 2008



Rick with the ND Guard combo