

## **Local player**

John Showman

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**HOME GAMES** Catch John Showman and his band, the Creaking Tree String Quartet, at a show/CD release party for The Soundtrack album Friday (October 26) at Hugh's Room.

**NICKNAME** Snowman. A hotel clerk misread his name and it stuck.

**POSITION** Fiddle

**TEAM MEMBERS** Andrew Collins (mandolin, mandola, mandocello), Brad Keller (guitar), Brian Kobayakawa (electric and upright bass)

**ROOKIE YEAR** Started playing fiddle at six, entered a violin competition at eight and broke his bow that year when he sat on it. Still fears putting instruments on chairs and sofas.

**LEAGUE** A mix of bluegrass and jazz that they make as weird and groovy as they can.

**STATS** The Juno-nominated The Creaking Tree String Quartet (2003); Side Two (2004).

**SPECIAL TALENTS** Can out-eat anyone in the band and is the only one who will go near raw sea urchin.