

Our Classroom

Fundamental to the culture of Ireland, the pub (formally 'public house') is the social and cultural center of the Irish community. Tim Finnegan's Irish Pub, a clean, family friendly establishment, takes pride-of-place as one of south Florida's premier pubs dedicated to the promotion of Irish culture and traditions. Owners Noel and Lisa Walsh welcome all ages to participate in traditional Irish arts where the backroom of the pub functions as the classroom. The backroom provides a quiet, home-like area for the Summer Fiddle Workshop, céilí dances, Gaelic language classes, traditional seisiúns and Tir na mBlath meetings.

Our Summer Fiddle Workshop Goals

Those students who participate will

- build confidence,
- increase their musical sensibility,
- build their skills on the violin,

increase their knowledge of the Irish musical idiom.

We will expect to learn at least four or more traditional Irish tunes by heart and should be able to play them in a steady, even pace with other musicians. We will play at least two tunes as a 'set' for a seisiún. We will recognize the difference between types of traditional tunes including the reel, jig, slip jig, slide, polka and waltz. For our last class, everyone will participate in a traditional Irish seisiún moving from one tune to the next while playing with other musicians on traditional Irish instruments.

Our Organization

Tir na mBlath (*teer nah blah*) means Land of Flowers in Gaelic. We are south Florida's non-profit cultural arts organization dedicated to the preservation and promotion of traditional Irish music, dance, language, and arts. The organization is a branch of Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann (CCÉ), established in 1951 in Ireland to preserve and promote Irish traditional culture.

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Tir na mBlath Summer Fiddle Workshop

The Tir na mBlath Summer Fiddle Workshop teaches students of all ages (including adults) how to play violin in the Irish tradition. The workshop classes are held on Sunday afternoons for six weeks over the summer. In keeping with the Irish tradition, students will be taught fiddle tunes by ear. Classes are for students who have played the violin before but who may have limited skills on their instrument. The workshop instructor takes time to ensure that proper Irish bowing technique is followed and that each phrase of the tune is well learned before moving on to the next. Students with adequate bowing technique will be introduced to various left-hand techniques, including cuts and rolls, which are prevalent in Irish music. Students will be able to listen to the tunes and practice by downloading the files from the Tir na mBlath website or parents can pay a nominal fee for the workshop CD.





Workshop classes are held for 45 minutes Sunday afternoons beginning at 3:00 pm in the back room of Tim Finnegan's Irish Pub in Delray Beach.

A slow seisiún follows the workshop and is held from 4:00 to 4:30 pm.

Although it is not required, students are strongly encouraged to participate in the **slow seisiún** that follows. Seisiúns (sessions) are informal gatherings of Irish traditional musicians that can be found in pubs throughout Ireland and all around the world.

Seisiúns are generally opened to anyone provided they already know how to play Irish traditional music. Students who participate will be able to practice what was learned in class while performing with other Irish musicians.



PARENTS MUST REMAIN INSIDE THE BUILDING WITH THEIR CHILD(REN) AT ALL TIMES! If you DO NOT remain with your child(ren), your workshop/class payment is forfeit and your child(ren) will no longer be able to participate.

Tir na Blath family members show their family membership card to receive a 20% discount.

There is no reimbursement for student absences from class.

Checks may be made out to **Tir na mBlath**. Please indicate *Summer Fiddle* on the memo area of your check.

Mail checks to ;
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For more information regarding family membership, contact:

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Information for Parents & Class Schedule

2013 WORKSHOP CLASS DATES
June 16, 23, 30, July 14, 21, 28

(No Class July 7)

EARLY PAYMENT \$100 for six weeks
Must be received by Friday, June 7.

BASIC PAYMENT \$120 for six weeks
May be paid at the door on Sunday, June 16, before the first class begins.

CLASS-BY-CLASS PAYMENT \$20 per class.
Paid at the door before the class begins.

Our Instructor

Jason van Steenwyk, a master of the Irish musical idiom on violin, performs professionally in venues throughout south Florida. Mr. van Steenwyk has performed professionally since the age of 15 and began fiddle at age 28, so it's not too late for adults to begin! He has studied with James Kelly and Patrick Ourceau, and learned by participating in sessions with many great players including Roisin Dillon, Eamonn Dillon, Brian Conway, Kira Ott, Melanie Nollie, Brian McNamara, and other wonderful players from coast to coast. His focus for instruction is on timing, feel, sound technique and musicianship as well as stylistically appropriate ensemble playing. He loves to nurture and inspire those who wish to study traditional Irish music and participate in the spirited culture of Ireland.