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MOLLY MALONE'S CELEBRATES TEN YEARS OF IRISH MUSIC SESSIONS

Only Irish Music Session in Western Suburbs Marks 10 years

January 12, Forest Park, IL Molly Malone's proudly celebrates ten years of Irish music sessions. The weekly Thursday sessions are one of six major sessions remaining in the Chicagoland region and the only regular one in the Western suburbs. Irish music sessions are a gathering of musicians who play sets of traditional Irish tunes.

Well known musicians, Teresa and John Shine, lead the Molly Malone's sessions. Session regular, Tom Joyce, keeps coming because he loves "the friendliness, high level of play and wealth of good conversation" at Molly Malone's. Molly Malone's sessions attract up to a dozen players each Thursday evening from 8-10:30pm and offer a great way to participate in and enjoy a long-lasting Irish tradition.

About Molly Malone's

Molly Malone's Irish Pub is located at 7652 Madison Street in Forest Park. Celebrating ten years, Molly Malone's is a Forest Park staple. With warm wood decor, cozy fireplaces and the perfectly poured Guinness Molly Malone's offers the best in Irish pubs. Molly Malone's is known for high quality food and offers authentic Irish specialties as well as pizzas, burgers and more.

Molly Malone's offers full service catering and can accommodate parties from 10 to 300 guests. With the convenience of a private parking lot, an elevator to access upstairs party rooms, and an extensive food and drink menu and an experienced event planner on staff, Molly Malone's is the ideal place to hold an event.

Open Monday-Thursday 3pm-2am, Friday 3pm-3am, Saturday 11am-3am and Sunday 11am-2am. For reservations or to book events call 708.366.8073. www.themollymalones.com. Follow us at [facebook.com/themollymalones](https://www.facebook.com/themollymalones) and twitter.com/themollymalones.

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Molly Malone's Irish Music Sessions
Thursdays 8-10:30pm
Anchor and Regulars Bios

John and Teresa Shine, Session Anchors, Fiddle



Brother and sister team, Teresa and John Shine, alternate anchoring Molly Malone's sessions on Thursdays. Irish music has not traditionally been written down but passed along from master to pupil. Well known master, Phil Durkin taught John and Teresa Shine. In fact, Durkin gave John and Teresa their first violins.

Younger sister, Teresa, watched and listened as her brother, John, had his lessons. At 9 years old, having not played for anyone before, Teresa picked up a violin and said 'hear this'. She proceeded to play a hornpipe, a traditional Irish dance tune, all the way through. John admits he was a bit jealous about her natural ability.

Teresa went on to study music at St. Xavier and now teaches the next generation of musicians at Everest Academy. John is an immigration lawyer. John also plays in a band, the Great Whiskey Project.

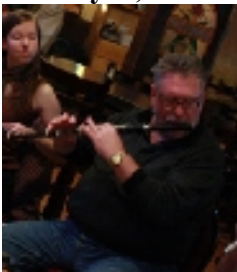
Steve West, Session Regular, Penny Whistle



Steve West, the session's longest-standing regular, sometimes takes over the session lead. He fell in love with the recorder in third grade and kept playing it. In his twenties, he travelled to New Orleans and played the recorder for the area Renaissance Fair. There he met a man who played the Irish war pipes.

Steve got his first penny whistle in 1981 and switched his focus to Scottish and Irish music. He carries a large bag of penny whistles with him to the sessions. Each whistle has a different key and he has to switch between tunes. Steve enjoys playing in Molly's sessions for many reasons. One, he lives just up the street, so the commute is convenient. "It's also one of the friendliest sessions, both socially and musically," says Steve. "No one's too flashy and the players are good at supporting each other." Steve also plays in a trio, Glen Ayre Music.

Tom Joyce, Session Regular, Wooden Irish Flute



Tom Joyce, plays the wooden Irish flute. His grandfather played the flute at Cross Roads dances back in Ireland. Tom has been coming to Molly Malone's sessions for 9 years. Tom has been to sessions across the country. He keeps coming back to Molly Malone's on Thursdays because he loves the friendliness, high level of play and wealth of good conversation.