

Resources

Tunes & Technique

<http://www.oldmusicproject.com/>

The entire works of Turlough O'Carolan are FREE on this site.

The entire 1850 O'Neil's collection is FREE on this site.

The entire Alan's Irish Fiddler is FREE on this site

<http://whistlethis.com/>

Every two weeks a new traditional tune is posted: sheet music, whistle notation and a sample clip if it's available.

<http://www.thesession.org/>

A large repository of Celtic music and discussion

<http://ceolas.org/ceolas.html>

"The home of Celtic music on the internet, since 1994. Ceolas houses the largest online collection of information on Celtic music, and has links to hundreds of related sites."

<http://www.ibiblio.org/fiddlers/index.html>

The Fiddler's Companion

<http://pybertra.free.fr/ceol/tunes.htm>

Ancient Irish Tunes

Reviews of Whistles

Reviews on whistles are available at Chiff and Fipple. A thorough listing of makers and the good and bad of whistles. EXCELLENT reading!! VERY helpful information

Inexpensive whistles

<http://www.chiffandfipple.com/inexp.html>

High end whistles

<http://www.chiffandfipple.com/Expens.html>

Low whistles

<http://www.chiffandfipple.com/low.html>

YouTube Review of four low D whistles

Search on: "Four Low D Irish whistles: Reviol, Burke, MK, Susato"

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fkL06uOtZQc>

Some Sources for Whistles

<http://www.whistleanddrum.com/>

They carry a range of whistles from the “penny” variety to the \$\$\$ variety. Run by Blayne Chastian, this site provides accurate information on quality products.

<http://www.burkewhistles.com/>

One of America’s best builders of quality whistles. The home page has wonderful whistle music.

<http://mkwhistles.com/mkshop/>

MK Whistles makes excellent whistles

<http://www.susato.com/konakart/SelectCat.do?catId=138&prodsFound=1&category=Pennywhistles>

Susato makes 35 different whistle models in 18 different keys. Their whistles have strong voices and good intonation. Very affordable.

<http://www.howardmusic.co.uk/welcome.htm>

Howard Whistles are very well made. The low whistle is quiet and a bit shorter than most. Unlike many low whistles, the Howard does not demand a huge volume of air.

Instruction

<http://ronimusic.com/>

This is the home of The Amazing Slow Downer. This software allows you to slow down the tempo of a piece without distorting the pitch. It is a wonderful aid to learning, especially for fast tunes.

Much free instruction can be found on line. However an excellent and affordable instruction source is Blayne Chastian. His bachelor’s degree in guitar was conferred by Berkeley College of Music. He completed a master’s degree in traditional Irish flute at the University of Limerick. A marvelous player and great teacher. His website provides videos and a huge number of excellent tunes. And a new tune is posted weekly. His website is: <http://www.blaynechastain.com/i-teach>

Communications

<http://www.chiffandfipple.com/>

“Chiff & Fipple is the center of a [large Internet community](#) of people who are weirdly preoccupied with the instrument. You can communicate with your fellow whistlers and get up-to-date whistle news

ABC Notation

ABC Reader

I use ABC Navigator, a freeware program, to translate ABC notation into standard notation and to hear tunes played via midi on my computer: <http://abcnavigator.free.fr/>

Sources of tunes

<http://ecf-guest.mit.edu/~jc/cgi/abc/tunefind> [my favorite]
www.freesheetmusic.net/abc.html
www.lesession.co.uk/abc/abc_notation.htm
www.norbeck.nu/abc/
<http://abcnotation.com/browseTunes?n=0013>
www.thesession.org/tunes/

I find a tune listed on one of the sources. I copy the ABC notation. I paste that into ABC Navigator. It will play the tune for me to ensure that the ABC notation is correct. If I like, I have ABC Navigator print a copy of the tune in standard notation.

For a thorough ABC tutorial: www.lesession.co.uk/abc/abc_notation.htm

The home of all things ABC: <http://abcnotation.com/>