

Unveiling the Secrets of the Tin Whistle: The Bill Ochs Tin Whistle Handbook

Poll Hapenny

This Irish fiddlepipe is an excellent example of how a tune gets reshaped as it is handed down orally from generation to generation.

The piece began its life as *Molly Macalpin*, a stately composition for harp that was probably intended as a song of praise to a noblewoman. As the air passed into the oral tradition of the peasantry, the tune easily became a fiddlepipe, which in Ireland is often played quite slowly to accommodate the intricate steps of the dancers.

And while the melody and rhythm underwent changes, so did the title. *Molly* became *Polly*, *Macalpin* became *Halpin* and then in the nearest twist of all, *Halpin* somehow became *Hapenny* — short for *halfpenny*, a small coin then in circulation. So humble *Poll Hapenny* she is to this day.

The original piece, *Molly Macalpin*, first appeared in print in the 1796 edition of Edward Bunting's *General Collection of the Ancient Irish Music*.



POLL HAPENNY

(Track 67)



Have you ever been enchanted by the enchanting sounds of traditional Irish music? The tin whistle, also known as the penny whistle, is a small yet powerful instrument that holds the essence of Irish musical tradition. If you've ever dreamed of mastering this humble wooden instrument, then "The Bill Ochs Tin

Whistle Handbook" is your ultimate companion on this adventurous musical journey.

Unleashing the Melodic Magic

Bill Ochs, a world-renowned flute and whistle player, has meticulously crafted this handbook to impart his years of experience and mastery of the tin whistle to aspiring musicians. With over 3000 words of invaluable insights, techniques, and historical context, this handbook provides a comprehensive guide for both beginners and experienced players alike.



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Why Choose the Tin Whistle?

The tin whistle's allure lies in its simplicity and versatility. Its hauntingly beautiful melodies have the power to transport listeners to the lush green landscapes of Ireland, stirring emotions deep within their souls. This small wooden instrument, when played skillfully, can create a powerful connection with both the performer and the audience, making it a must-have for musicians of all kinds.

Discovering the Hidden Gems of Bill Ochs' Handbook

In "The Bill Ochs Tin Whistle Handbook," you will embark on an unforgettable musical expedition. The handbook covers various topics, including:

- Choosing the perfect tin whistle for your skill level and preferences
- Mastering the fundamentals: finger placement, breath control, and tone production
- Learning to read sheet music and translate it into enchanting melodies
- Exploring traditional Irish tunes and ornamentation techniques
- Understanding the rich history and cultural significance of Irish music

Bill Ochs: The Master Behind the Handbook

Bill Ochs is a legendary figure in the world of traditional Irish music. As a highly respected musician, teacher, and instrument maker, Bill has dedicated his life to preserving and promoting the beauty of Irish musical traditions. His expertise shines through every page of "The Bill Ochs Tin Whistle Handbook," providing readers with a rare opportunity to learn from a true master.

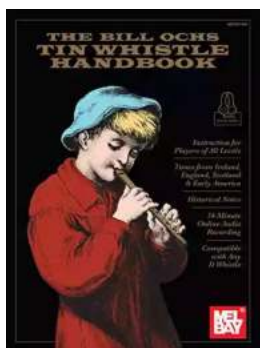
Why You Need This Handbook

Whether you're a beginner or an experienced player seeking to enhance your skills, "The Bill Ochs Tin Whistle Handbook" will revolutionize your approach to the tin whistle. Its user-friendly format and detailed instructions make it an indispensable resource for anyone passionate about this beautiful instrument.

Your Tin Whistle Adventure Begins Now!

Are you ready to embark on a musical journey filled with enchantment, joy, and self-expression? Let "The Bill Ochs Tin Whistle Handbook" be your guide as you

unlock the secrets of the tin whistle. Order your copy today and join a vibrant community of tin whistle enthusiasts from around the world!



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The age-old sounds of Ireland, England, Scotland and early America come to life with this remarkable book and online audio. This tin whistle book is compatible with all tin whistles, pennywhistles and flageolets in the key of D. Renowned author/musician Bill Ochs has gone to great lengths to create a package that truly has something for everyone.

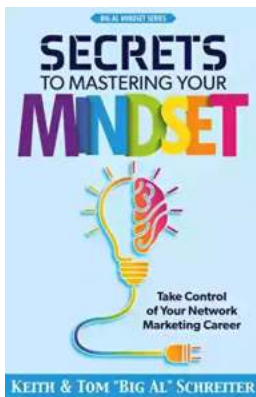
The lessons are so clear and easy to follow that a complete beginner can learn to play a simple tune at first sitting. Intermediate and advanced players will enjoy exploring this book's exciting collection of traditional music. There are 83 pieces in all - gigs, reels, hornpipes, fife tunes, slow airs, Highland flings, morris dances and lots more. Each piece is played on the online audio by renowned New York tin whistle teacher, Bill Ochs. An advanced ornamentation tutorial is also included with key of D. Includes access to online audio.

For Beginning Players: An Easy-To-Use Learning Method - No previous knowledge of music is required. Using tablature based on the first seven letters of the alphabet, the complete beginner can learn to play a simple tune in a matter of

minutes. Then through a specially selected series of folk tunes, beginners are carefully guided through all the basics of playing, one step at a time.

For Intermediate Players: A Great Collection of Traditional Music - Those who already know the basics are sure to enjoy exploring the book's outstanding selection of traditional tunes — rollicking pieces such as The Muckin' O' Geordie's Byre, The Oyster Wives' Rant, Rufty Tufty, Hot Punch, For the Sakes of Old Decency and many, many more. The tunes have been specially chosen to demonstrate the wide range of the tin whistle's musical possibilities.

For Advanced Players: A Clear & Concise Guide to Ornamentation - For players who want to dress up their music, here's a chance to learn the secrets of all those cuts, rolls, crans and strikes that give tin whistle playing its distinctive flavor. These techniques are thoroughly explained and demystified. A series of advanced lessons contains step-by-step breakdowns of each ornament, as well as tunes in which to practice the techniques.



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