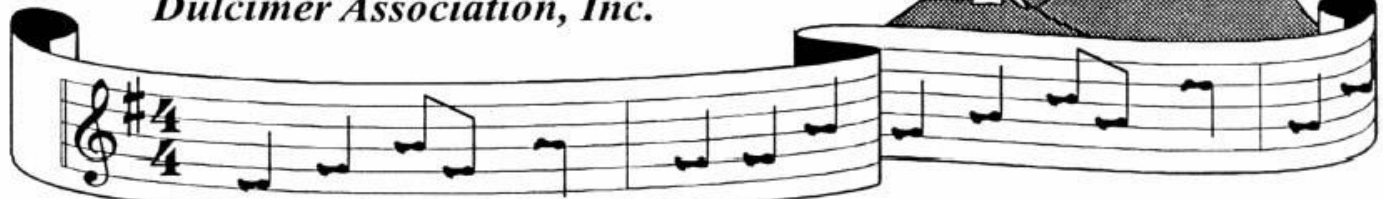


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Hilltop Strummers

On February 8, the Hilltop Strummers met to play and discuss plans to resume normalcy. The group has been off and on due to COVID for so long, as have so many other dulcimer groups. The Hilltop Strummers meet in the Canton United Methodist Church in the lower level at 1:00-3:30 on Tuesdays. Come join us!



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About the Tablature...

It's March, so this month's tab pays homage to a new month that includes an Irish holiday, "Brian Boru's March."

This song is a traditional Irish tune about the High King of Ireland from about 941-1014AD. Brian Boru died in the Battle of Clontarf in which his army defeated the Vikings. This tune was originally a slow air but is now usually played as a faster march. Some think this may be the oldest fiddle tune.

Brian Boru's fame was so great that the princes descended from him, the O'Briens, subsequently ranked as one of the chief dynastic families of the country.



Brian Boru is celebrated as a patron of the arts and is often thought to have played the harp. The Brian Boru harp is the national symbol of Ireland, pictured on Ireland's coins and many national badges and symbols. It has been displayed in Trinity College for over 200 years. It is one of the oldest surviving Gaelic harps and it is covered in fine and intricate carved and colored decoration.

Another fun fact: Both the Queen of England and the Duchess of Wales can trace their ancestry to Brian Boru.

Here's a midi file of the tune to get you started:



brian_borus_march.mid

And here's a lovely rendition of the song as played by Mark Gilston:

<https://vimeo.com/229939700>

Dixieland Dulcimers

Like the Magicicada (North American Cicada) which emerges every 13 or 17 years, the Dixieland Dulcimers have re-emerged from the Covid.



Like the cicada we are once again making beautiful music during our Monday morning practice sessions. Not only have we resumed our practice sessions, but we also have two gigs scheduled. Now is the time for us to put our idle fingers to work, learn some new music, and polish our performance. It's great to come back together with all the good friends whom we have seen little of for much too long.

Dulcimer Troupers

The LaGrange Troupers are excited to be preparing for a special gig next month in addition to their regular weekly meetings. The group is also meeting for an extra session on the last Thursday of each month to work on songs in Larry Conger's book, "September on the Mississippi."



If you would like to join the group, they meet every Thursday at the LaGrange First United Methodist Church from 10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m. The extra monthly session meets after the regular session on the last Thursday of each month. Join the fun!

Dalton Dulcimers

Dalton Dulcimers didn't let Covid stop the music. The group managed to play together safely in a variety of localities, including Zoom (but it didn't work very well.) The group is thankful to return to their regular spot at Dalton First United Methodist Church last week.



Brian Boru's March

Tablited by Burt I. Kahn

Em D

D 1 1 1 2 1 1 3 0 0 4 0 0
A 1 1 1 1 1 1 0 0 0 0 0 0
D 3 2 1 1 5 4 3 2 1 1 4 3 2 1 0 0 4 3 2 1 0 0 5 4

Em G 1. Em

5 D 1 1 6 1 1 7 1 3 8 1 1
A 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 3 3 1 1
D 3 2 1 1 5 4 3 2 1 1 0 1 3 4 5 4 3 1 1 1 5 4

2. Em Em G D

9 D 1 1 10 1 3 11 3 3 12 0 2
A 1 1 1 1 3 3 3 3 3 0 3
D 3 1 1 1 0 1 3 4 5 4 5 4 5 4 3 0 2 3 4 7

Em G Em G

13 D 2 2 14 1 3 15 3 3 16 1 3
A 3 3 1 1 3 3 3 1 3
D 4 7 4 2 0 1 3 4 5 4 5 4 5 4 3 1 3 4 5 4

Brian Boru's March -

1. Em 2. Em

17 18 19 20

D 1 1 1 1 0 3 1 1 1 2 3 2 1 8 1 3 2 1 8 1

D 1 1 1 1 0 3 1 1 1 2 3 2 1 8 1 3 2 1 8 1

D Em

21 22 23 24

D 0 0 0 0 1 5 1 5

A 0 5 0 5 1 6 1 6

D 2 1 0 7 0 2 1 0 7 0 3 2 1 8 1 3 2 1 8 1

D 2 1 0 7 0 2 1 0 7 0 3 2 1 8 1 3 2 1 8 1

G 1. Em 2. Em

25 26

D 1 3 1 1

A 1 3 1 1

D 1 3 4 5 4 3 1 1 1 2 3 1 1 1

Brian Boru (c. 941 – 23 April 1014, Old Irish: Brian Bóruma mac Cennétig; Middle Irish: Brian Bóruma; modern Irish: Brian Bóroimhe) was an Irish king who ended the domination of the High Kingship of Ireland by the Uí Néill. Building on the achievements of his father, Cennétig mac Lorcaín, and especially his elder brother, Mathgamain, Brian first made himself King of Munster, then subjugated Leinster, making himself ruler of the south of Ireland. He is the founder of the O'Brien dynasty.

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| SATELLITE | AREA | FREQUENCY | TIME | LOCATION | CONTACT |
|---|--|---|---|--|--|
| Allatooners | Kennesaw, GA | Monthly, 3 rd Tuesday | 6:30-8:30 | First United Lutheran Church of Kennesaw 3481 Campus Loop Rd (formerly Frey Lake Rd.) | Peggy Martin 678-478-2456 martin.pb101@gmail.com www.allatooners.org Satellite Scribe: Marianne Wurtele bluegrass_m@hotmail.com |
| Bent Tree Strings | Jasper, GA | Monthly, 4 th Thursday | 2:00-4:00 | Club Tamarack Dining Room in Bent Tree. Bent Tree is 6 miles east of Jasper off Cove Road. | Sally Long 404-351-5257 sallylong@tds.net |
| Dalton Dulcimers | Dalton, GA | Weekly Wednesdays | 2:30 | First United Methodist Church 500 S. Thornton Ave. | Sherry Patterson 706-278-7256 Sspatts6@gmail.com |
| Dixieland Dulcimers | Griffin, GA | Weekly-Mondays | 10:00 | Crestview Baptist Church Fellowship hall, Griffin, GA | Donna Harpe 770-228-5597 phillip_harpe@bellsouth.net Dave Graves 770-227-4890 drg636@gmail.com |
| Dusty Dulcimers | Danielsville, GA | Monthly – 3 rd Monday | 6:30 | Danielsville Public Library 1315 Hwy 98 Danielsville, GA 30633 | Marty Philips 678-863-7191 Mark Stricklett email: mstricklett@windstream.net |
| Garden City Strummers | Evans, GA | Monthly – 2nd Monday – fast jam | 7:00-9:00 7:00-9:00 | 4537 Glenda Lane Evans, GA 30809 | Pat & Bill Colbert 706-860-3437 pogobill@aol.com |
| Gold Country Players | Gainesville, GA | Weekly – Thurs. Main Session Basic Session | 2:00-4:00 4:15-5:00 | First Baptist Church Room 235, 751 Green Street, NW, Gainesville GA 30501 | Sandy Lesli goldcountryplayers@gmail.com |
| HAMMERED DULCIMER CONTACT | | | | | Julia McDermott 706-207-5685 HammerPlaying@aol.com |
| Hilltop Strummers | Woodstock-Canton, GA | Weekly – Tues. | 1:30-3:30 | Canton First UMC 930 Lower Scott Mill Road, Canton, GA Exit 16 at I-575 | Martha Raby 770-893-3453 Mraby@tds.net |
| In Town Down Home | Atlanta, GA | Monthly, 3 rd Sat. | 1:00 | St. Luke's Lutheran Church 3264 Northside Parkway Atlanta, GA 30327 | Rudine Davis H 404-250-0605; C 404-790-7179 davises@bellsouth.net |
| LaGrange Dulcimer Troupers | LaGrange, GA | Weekly, Thurs. mornings | 10:45- 12:15 | First United Methodist Church for jamming/practice | Ann and Perry Wilder 706-882-5027 perrywilder@bellsouth.net |
| | | Weekly, Tues. | 11:30 | Beginning classes | |
| Land of Waterfalls Dulcimer Players | Brevard & vicinity, NC | 1 st & 2 nd Monday - Practice 3 rd Monday & 4 th Wed.- Playouts | 9:45- 10:45 | St Philip's Episcopal Church (in the basement) 256 East Main St Brevard, NC | Leader: Linda Schieve 828-885-2328 |
| Middle Georgia Dulcimer Club | Macon, GA | Monthly, 2nd Sat. | 1:00 Lesson 2:00-4:00 Jam | Young America School of Music 6361 Zebulon Road | Barbara Stevens 478-457-6539 gbs468@aol.com Laurie Wilson 229-389-9611 Laurell.Wilson@hotmail.com |
| Mountain Sounds | Murphy, NC | Bimonthly 2 nd & 4 th Tuesdays | 1:00-3:00 | Foster Flea Market 100 Blairsville Hwy (Hwy 129) Murphy, NC | Pam Johnson Mountain.Sounds@aol.com Facebook page: Mountain Sounds Dulcimer Club |
| Peach Pickers Satellite | Sharpsburg, GA | Monthly, 2nd Sunday | 3:00-5:00 | Trinity Church 8817 Highway 54 W Sharpsburg, GA | Pat Hobson 770-461-2522 pohobson@gmail.com Wanda Dawkins 678-899-0453 hrvmdawk@yahoo.com Call Pat Call Wanda |
| Peach Pickers INSTRUCTION | 1) Fayette Senior Ctr 2)Bridge Community Ctr | Wednesdays Tuesdays | 11:00 6:00-8:00 | 4 Center Drive, Fayetteville Bridge Community Ctr. 225 Willowbend Rd Peachtree City | |
| Roman Sunshine | Rome, GA | Weekly, Monday | 10:00 | Charles Parker Senior Center Kingston Rd | JT Bishop 706-234-0477 Jtbljb@bellsouth.net |
| Sonic Sounds Dulcimer Club (EDIMGIAFAD) | Centerville, GA | Weekly, Thurs. | 6:30-7:15 Lesson 7:15-8:30 Jam | 1 st United Methodist Church 600 N. Houston Lake Rd. | Elizabeth Garrett, 478-225-8071 elizabeth@comsouth.net Jean Noble, 478-971-1782 jeannoble@cox.net |
| Tugalo Valley Strummers | Toccoa, GA | 2 nd & 4 th Monday evenings Beginners Novice Intermediate | 5:00-5:45 5:45-6:30 6:30-8:00 | Ebenezer Baptist Church Family Life Center 49 Rose Lane Toccoa, GA 30577 | Margo Taylor 706-297-9509 Margotaylor808@gmail.com |
| Whistle Stop Pickers | East Alabama/ West Georgia (Auburn-Opelika area) | Weekly, Sat. | 1:00-3:00 | Lee County Historical Society Museum 6500 Stage Road (Hwy 14) Loachapoka, AL | Allen & Deborah McCord 334-821-1301 334-703-3646 (cell) mccord0304@gmail.com |
| Yonah Pickers | Clarksville, GA | Bimonthly-Regular 1 st & 3 rd Mondays Bimonthly-Beginners 1 st & 3 rd Mondays. | 11a -1p 1:00-1:45 | Bethlehem Baptist Church in Clarksville | Lynn McCollum 706-499-3212 yonahpickers@yahoo.com Brenda Sue Whitmire Bswitmire@windstream.net |

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