

# THE HAPPY OUT

*Irish Band from San Antonio, Texas*

*Catching Lightning in a Whiskey Bottle*

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## ABOUT THE BAND

The Happy Out is a (mostly) traditional (mostly) Irish pub band based out of San Antonio, Texas. Made up of a trio of talented, professional, good-time Irish musicians, they perform a healthy mix of traditional instrumentals, pub songs, and a sprinkling of original tunes. The Happy Out will travel anywhere to liven up your Hoolie, Bar Mitzvah, or Clambake!

The Happy Out's name derives from a common Irish phrase which means "a generally satisfied and contented state of mind about your situation." Usually there's a sense that you're so happy, it's hard to express in words! This feeling definitely applies to Happy Out's audience at the end of a great night of Irish music.

While all three members have been professional musicians (and purveyors of fine Dad Jokes) for many years, the current lineup has been together since May 2022.

## THE MUSICIANS

**Blair Raker** - Founding member Blair Raker sings, composes, plays the tenor & baritone ukuleles, penny whistle, and stomp box. Originally a Trombone major who served 10 years in the Air Force Band program, Blair is currently an elementary Music teacher at Northside ISD's Knowlton Elementary on the Far West Side.

**Sean McMains** (aka "Sharky") - The devastatingly handsome Sean McMains, a veteran of the Irish Music scene, plays guitar, bass, penny whistle, and the Irish drum known as a bodhran and sings. When he's not making music, you'll find him hiking trails, writing software, with his nose in a book, or creating and playing computer and board games.

**Klaus Weinelt** - The long-bearded Klaus Weinelt rounds out the trio with his masterful fiddling, as well as the occasional guitar, mandolin, viola, and vocals. He has been playing fiddle for 29 years, all throughout high school & college. Klaus has taught high school orchestra since 2006, & enjoys long walks on the beach at night.

## PERFORMANCE HIGHLIGHTS

**Regular Venue:** The Happy Out has a standing gig at The Cottage Irish Pub on Broadway every first & third Sunday of the month from 5:00-8:00pm.

**Notable Performance Venues:**

- Arneson River Theater (San Antonio Riverwalk)
- San Antonio Highland Games
- Mammen Family Public Library (Bulverde)
- Johnny Pickles Distillery (Seguin)
- Main Plaza (San Antonio)
- Inkling Books (Spring Branch)
- Longtab Brewing Company (San Antonio)

**Radio Appearances:** Featured on KSYM's long-running radio show "The Best of the Beatles" with Richard Turner, performing live on-air. The band also appeared on Joe Walmsley's Expat Radio show to discuss their musical journeys and share their music.

## REPERTOIRE

The Happy Out performs a diverse mix of traditional Irish music, pub favorites, and original compositions, including:

- Traditional instrumentals including "Inisheer" (a lovely waltz by Thomas Walsh)
- Classic pub songs such as "Finnegan's Wake" and "Rosin the Beau"
- Original compositions including "3 Sheets to the Wind" (a rollicking Blair Raker original)
- Contemporary favorites like "Worst Day Since Yesterday" by Flogging Molly
- A healthy mix of sing-alongs and audience participation numbers

## LISTEN ONLINE

The Happy Out's music is available on all major streaming services including Spotify, Apple Music, and Amazon Music. Search for "The Happy Out" to follow and stream their latest recordings.

## PRESS & REVIEWS

*"Excellent Irish band that brings humor and blends their voices in sweet songs and harmony. They know how to get the crowd involved, and before you know it, you will be singing along, clapping your hands, and stomping your feet."*

— Peter Kane

*"Talented local musicians with a diverse set of Irish tunes instrumental and sing alongs. Irish whistle, fiddle, guitar, Irish drum, ukulele and more. Check them out sooner rather than later!"*

— Bridgette Ralph

*"...they were fantastic to say the least and the original tune [3 Sheets to the Wind] was just a ditty that stuck in your head and still to this day does."*

— Crage Kentz

*"Traditional music played at a reasonable volume..."*

— MySA

*"Heard y'all at the cottage pub. Y'all were a blast! Thanks for everything you do and keep it up."*

— Luke

## TECHNICAL INFORMATION

**Band Configuration:** Trio (3 performers)

**Sound System:** Band can provide own PA for small to medium venues

**Stage Plot:** Available at <https://stage-plan.com/stageplan/plan/20230714110628KVGawuisproplan>

**Setup Time:** 1 hour

**Performance Duration:** Flexible sets from 1-3 hours

**Travel:** Based in San Antonio, willing to travel regionally and beyond

## BOOKING INFORMATION

The Happy Out is available for:

- Pub and restaurant performances
- Irish festivals and celebrations
- St. Patrick's Day events
- Private parties and celebrations
- Corporate events
- Weddings and special occasions
- Bar Mitzvahs, Hoolies, and Clambakes

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## MEDIA & RESOURCES

**Website:** [www.thehappyout.com](http://www.thehappyout.com)

**Photo Gallery:** [www.thehappyout.com/photo-gallery](http://www.thehappyout.com/photo-gallery)

**Music Samples:** [www.thehappyout.com/music](http://www.thehappyout.com/music)

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High-resolution photos and additional promotional materials are available upon request. Professional photography by Lester Avendaño.

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