



## **Rosemary O'Malley**

Tin Whistle, Fiddle

Rosemary O'Malley was first exposed to Irish music while spending her 4th grade year in Co. Galway with her family. There, she took Irish dance lessons and played tin whistle in her school's band. Back home in Lawrence, Kansas, she played violin in orchestra and was an Irish dancer, but traditional Irish fiddle became her true passion. In 2009, she chose to attend college in Chicago to take part in its rich Irish music scene, and there she began studying fiddle with Sean Cleland at the Irish Music School of Chicago. She has also attended the Blas Summer School of Irish Music in Limerick on 3 separate occasions. Most recently, she studied abroad for a year in Cork, where she learned fiddle from Connie O'Connell and took classes in tin whistle and bodhran. Rosemary is a Loyola University graduate, and currently she enjoys playing in various sessions and performing throughout Chicago. In her teaching, she wants to share the joy of playing Irish music with her students.