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“A map of a city you’ve visited is like the matchbook you bring home from a bar: a souvenir, an artifact, a piece of the place itself.”
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When the International Bluegrass Music Association held its annual “World of Bluegrass” festival in Raleigh last fall, the music floating through the city’s streets heralded to the rest of the country what North Carolinians already knew: When it comes to music, there’s no place quite like the Triangle area. “World of Bluegrass” will return to Raleigh September 30–October 4, but until then, the city’s many clubs and venues, which have long welcomed musicians, will continue to do so every week.

At Tir na nOg, the traditional music played at Sunday jam sessions has an Irish flavor. The event, sponsored by PineCone, the Piedmont Council of Traditional Music, has been a weekly fixture at Tir na nOg since 2007. The arrangement is a harmonious one: Situated in downtown Raleigh, Tir na nOg, which means “Land of Eternal Youth” in Gaelic, provides a cozy, lively atmosphere for the players, and in turn, the players create an authentic soundtrack for patrons who may be enjoying a pint or an early dinner of corned beef and cabbage or fish and chips.

There are many traditional jam sessions around the Triangle, but as fiddler Vicky Montague points out, even at sessions that are open to the public, the implicit understanding is that all players are relatively serious about music. You have to be experienced enough to jump in and augment what’s being played. On the contrary, she says, the session at Tir na nOg has always been a learning environment.

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