Composer Terrance “Cuz” Teahan was a well-known accordion and concertina player who emigrated to Chicago from County Kerry in the 1920s. He had strong connections with the Twin Cities community through friendships with our local musicians traveling and performing there. Norah Rendell brought it to the CIM’s Summer Ensemble Camp in 2018, paired it with Tom Mhic’s polka, and taught it to the 17+ campers, who performed it during the camp concert at the end of the week. Tom Mhic was an accordion player from County Kerry. Méabh Begley taught the tune to some accordion students at MIM 2017, and Norah learned this one from her friends, Michelle Finnerty & Tommie Cunniffe, who have children learning Irish music in Cork.

Tom Mhic’s Polka

Terry "Cuz" Teahan’s