



6 – 8 June 2025
on the campus of
St. Thomas University
Houston, TX

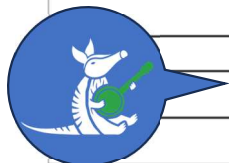
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Thursday and Friday Schedule:

Day	Time	Event	Location
Thursday (5 Jun)	7pm - ??	Cruinniú Kick-off Session	Hugh O'Connors - Dincans
Friday (6 Jun)	7:30am - 8:30am	Breakfast (for those who pre-paid)	Champion's Lounge - Crooker Center
	8am - 8:45am	Check-in	Cullen Hall
	8:45am - 9:15am	Welcome - meet the instructors	Cullen Hall
	9:15am - 9:30am	Break	Coffee Service in Cullen Hall
	9:30am - 10:30am	Class 1	Strake Hall / Malloy Hall
	10:30am - 11am	Break	Coffee Service in Jones Hall lobby
	11am - 12pm	Class 2	Strake Hall / Malloy Hall
	12pm - 1:30pm	Lunch Break	Champion's Lounge (pre-paid)
	1:30pm - 2:30pm	Class 3	Strake Hall / Malloy Hall
	2:30pm - 3pm	Break	Coffee Service in Jones Hall lobby
	3pm - 4pm	Irish Journeys	Strake Hall / Malloy Hall
	4pm - 4:15pm	Break	---
	4:15pm - 5:30pm	Campus Sessions	Various
	5:30pm - 7:00pm	Dinner Break	---
	7pm - 9:30pm	Ceili featuring the All-Star Ceili band!	Crooker Center
	9:45pm - ???	Sessions - instructor moderated	Hugh O'Connors Pub



Saturday and Sunday Schedule:

Day	Time	Event	Location
Saturday (7 Jun)	7:30am - 8:30am	Breakfast	Champion's Lounge (pre-paid)
	8:30am-9:30am	Break	Coffee Service in Jones Hall lobby
	9:30am - 10:30am	Class 4	Strake Hall / Malloy Hall
	10: 30am - 11am	Break	Coffee Service in Jones Hall lobby
	11am - 12pm	Class 5	Strake Hall / Malloy Hall
	12pm - 1:30pm	Lunch Break	Champion's Lounge (pre-paid)
	1:30pm - 2:30pm	Class 6	Strake Hall / Malloy Hall
	2:30pm - 3pm	Break	Coffee Service in Jones Hall lobby
	3pm - 4pm	Irish Journeys	Strake Hall / Malloy Hall
	4pm - 4:15pm	Break	---
	4:15pm - 5:30pm	Campus Sessions	Various
	5:30pm - 7:30pm	Dinner Break	---
	7:30pm - 9:30pm	All-Star Concert	Jones Hall
	9:45pm - ??	Sessions - instructor moderated	Hugh O'Connors Pub
Sunday (8 Jun)	7:30am - 8:30am	Breakfast	Champion's Lounge (pre-paid)
	8:30am-9:30am	Break	Coffee Service in Jones Hall lobby
	9:30am - 10:30am	Class 7	Strake Hall / Malloy Hall
	10:30am - 11 am	Break	Coffee Service in Jones Hall lobby
	11:00am - 12pm	Class 8	Strake Hall / Malloy Hall
	12pm - 1:30pm	Lunch Break	Champion's Lounge (pre-paid)
	1:30 pm - 2:30pm	Class 9	Strake Hall / Malloy Hall
	2:30pm - 3pm	Break	---
	3pm - 4pm	Irish Journeys	Strake Hall / Malloy Hall
	4:15pm - ??	Farewell Session	Hugh O'Connors Pub

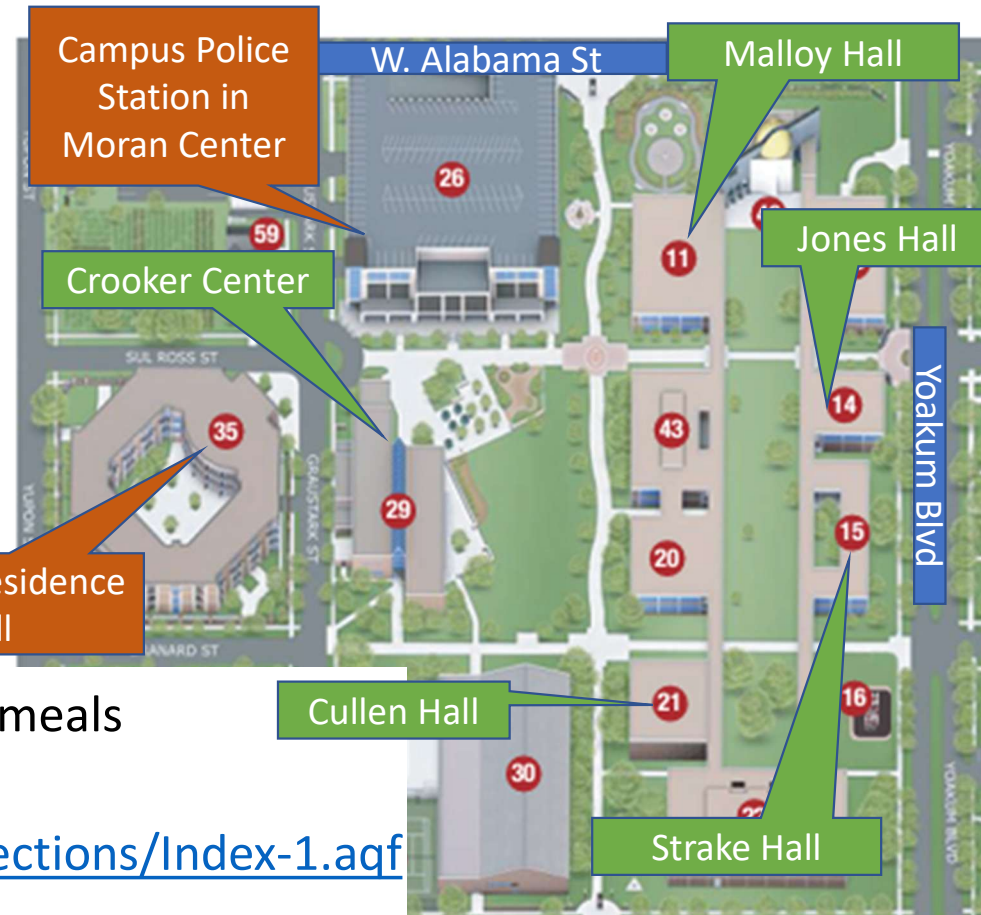


University of St. Thomas (UST) Layout



- Campus: 3800 Montrose Blvd., Houston, TX
 - (Yoakum Blvd. is central to campus)

- Jones Hall (14)
 - Saturday concert, daily coffee breaks
- Cullen Hall (21)
 - Friday morning check-in and welcome
- Strake Hall (15) & Malloy Hall (11)
 - Classrooms, Irish Journeys & sessions
- Crooker Center (29)
 - Friday Céilí
 - Champion's Lounge: Pre-ordered UST meals



UST Maps:

<https://www.stthom.edu/About/Maps-and-Directions/Index-1.aqf>

UST Parking

Free parking:

1. Along Yoakum and side streets between Yoakum & Montrose

No Parking on Montrose

2. 2 lots off W. Alabama St. near Montrose Blvd.

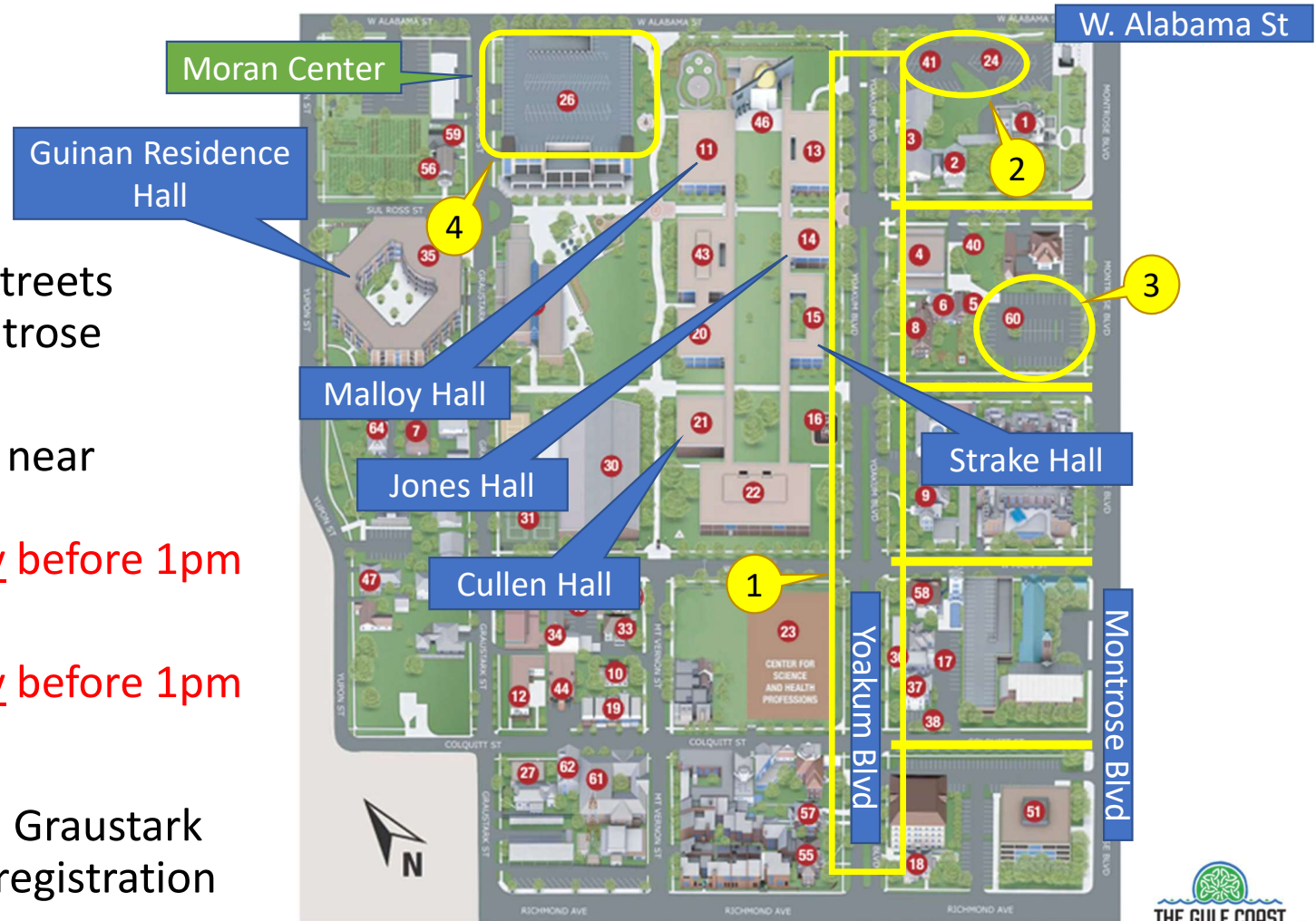
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3. Lot on Montrose Blvd.

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Paid parking:

4. Moran Center (enter on Graustark St.), pre-pay options at registration or \$10 per entry



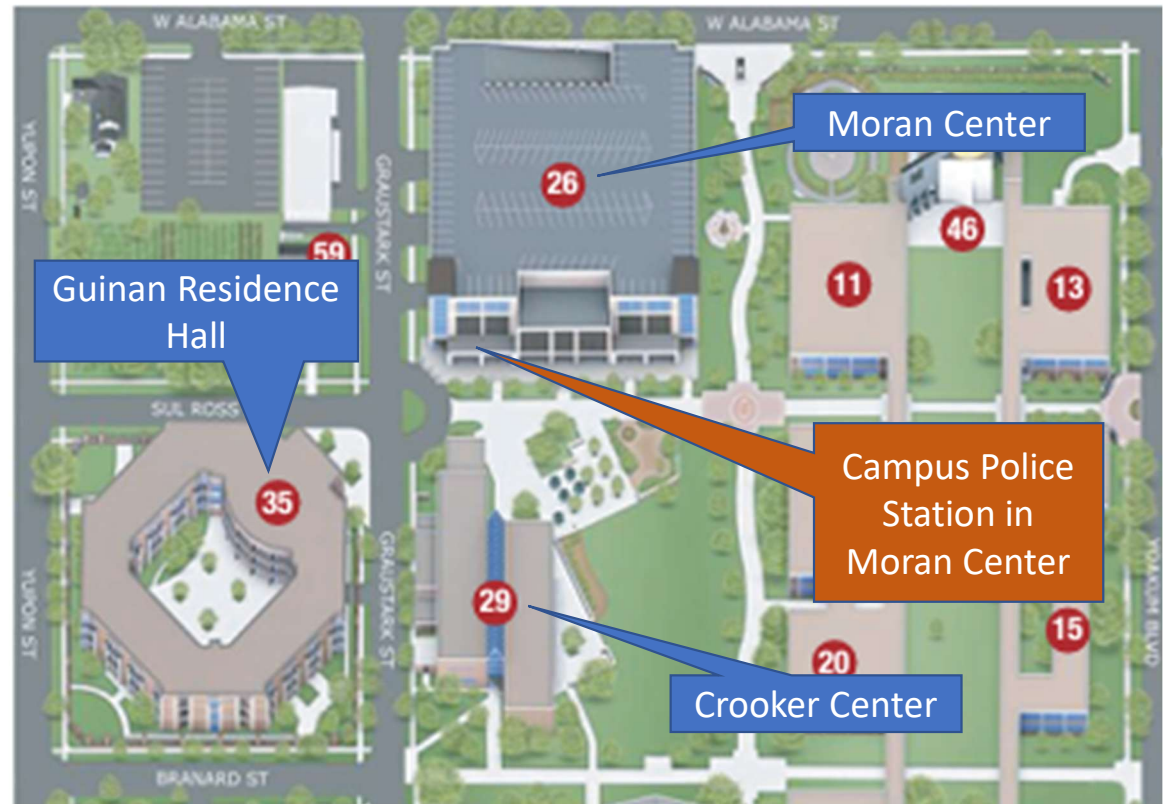
Staying on Campus

- Guinan Residence Hall (35) – (pre-registered) dorm rooms
- Moran Center (26), suggested overnight parking for dorm residents – prepaid weekend parking pass available with registration, or, \$10 per entry
- Crooker Center (35) – in Champion's Lounge, dining hall for pre-ordered UST breakfast & lunch, by reservation only, **no walk-up service**.

Pre-paid dining @ **Champion's Lounge**
in Crooker Center:

Breakfast: 7:30am-8:30am

Lunch: 12:00pm-1:30pm



Classroom Assignments (Strake Hall & Malloy Hall)

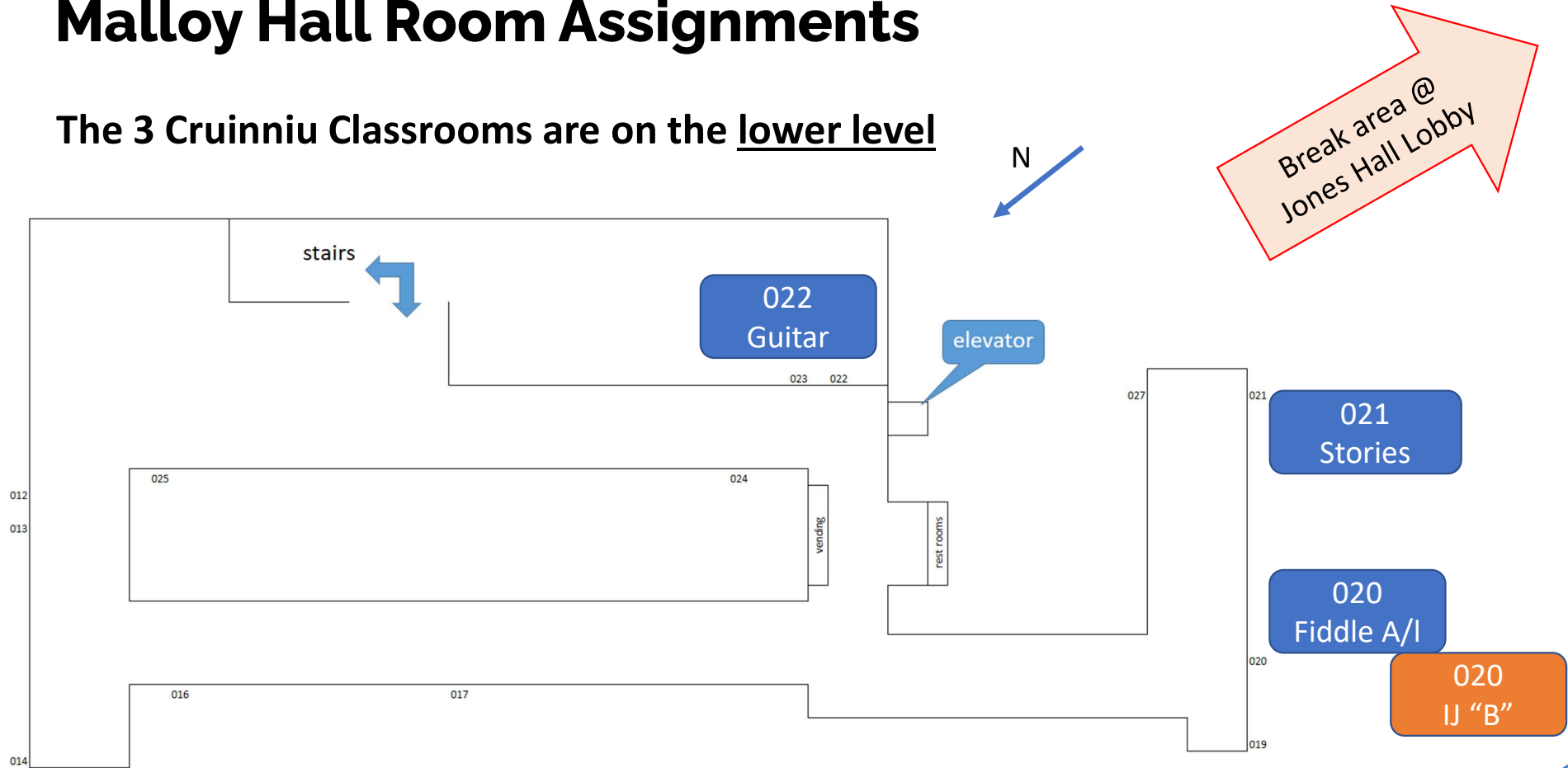
Instrument	Room #	Instructor
Bodhrán	Strake 206	Paul McClure
Bodhrán Fundamentals	Strake 207	Robert Shaddox
Concertina	Strake 101	Brenda Castles
Fiddle	Malloy 020	Caitlin Warbelow
Fiddle Fundamentals	Strake 202	Katie Geringer
Flute	Strake 201	Michael McGoldrick
Guitar Accompaniment	Malloy 022	John Doyle
Harp	Strake 107	Therese Honey
Mandolin / Banjo	Strake 204	David Howley
Storytelling	Malloy 021	Máirtín de Cógáin
Whistle	Strake 106	Colin Farrell

- 3 classes each day on Friday, Saturday & Sunday:
9:30am-10:30am 11am-12pm 1:30pm-2:30pm

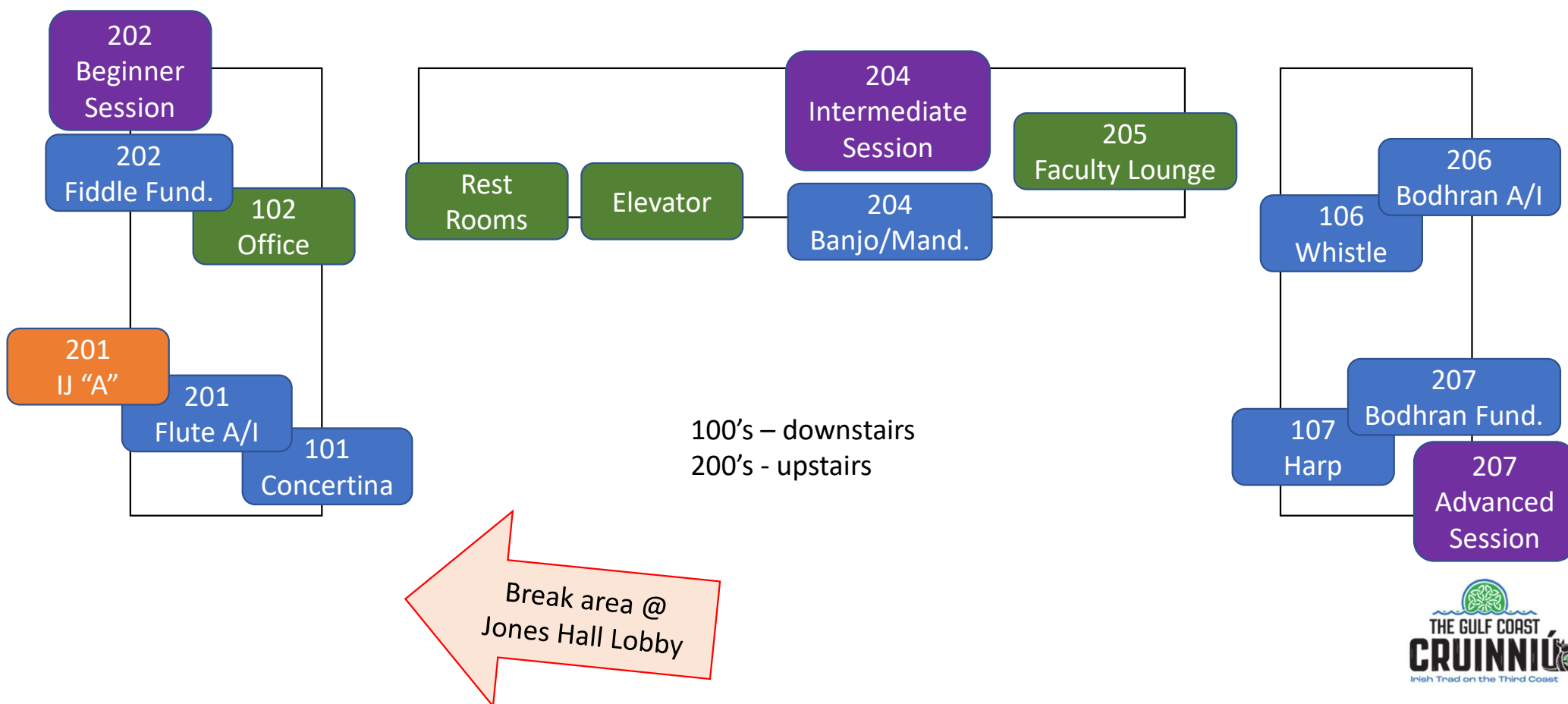
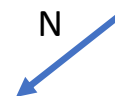


Malloy Hall Room Assignments

The 3 Cruinniú Classrooms are on the lower level



Strake Hall Room Assignments



Classroom Access

- Classrooms will be opened at 9am each morning (that's 30 minutes before the first class) and will be locked at 3pm each afternoon (30 minutes after the afternoon class). Classrooms will not be locked between classes.
- **Where to leave your instruments during lunch:**
You are welcome to drop off your instrument at the GCC OFFICE - Strake Hall Room 102 in exchange for a ticket to be used at pick up.
- Each class will have a **Class Contact**, who will assist the instructor throughout the weekend, and will communicate with you any announcements. If you have any questions/needs, do not hesitate to ask your CC, who will communicate with the GCC office, we will do our best to assist.

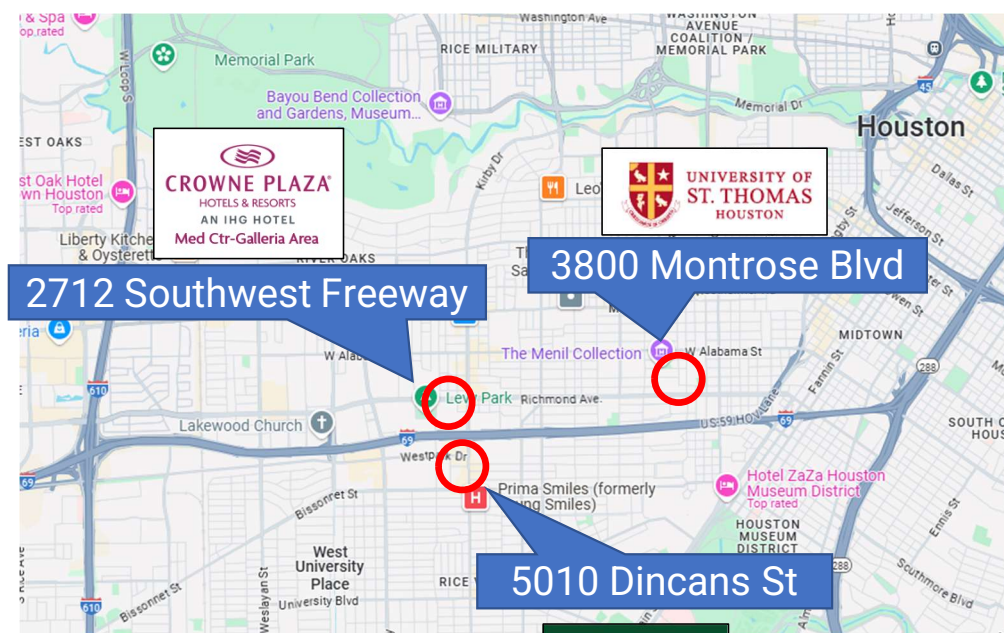
Sessions

- At Hugh O'Connors Dincans (5010 Dincans St) :
 - Thursday evening (opening event) **starting at 7pm**
 - Friday evening (after the Céilí) or 7:30pm
 - Saturday (after the concert) starting at 9:45pm
 - Sunday farewell (closing event) starting at 4:15pm
- Scheduled sessions on UST campus Fri. & Sat.: 4:15pm-5:30pm
 - Beginner – **Strake 202**
 - Intermediate – **Strake 204**
 - Advanced – **Strake 207**
- Al fresco (outdoors): Seating available on the Campus Life Mall



Hugh O'Connors on Dincans St.

1. Several Hugh O'Connors in the area, this one's on Dincans - 5010 Dincans St.
2. Small parking lot but ample parking along Dincans St.
3. Food delivered to your table provided by On the Kirb
 - Scan the QR Code on your table
 - Located at 5004 Kirby Dr, Houston, TX 77098
 - <https://www.onthekirb.com/upper-kirb>

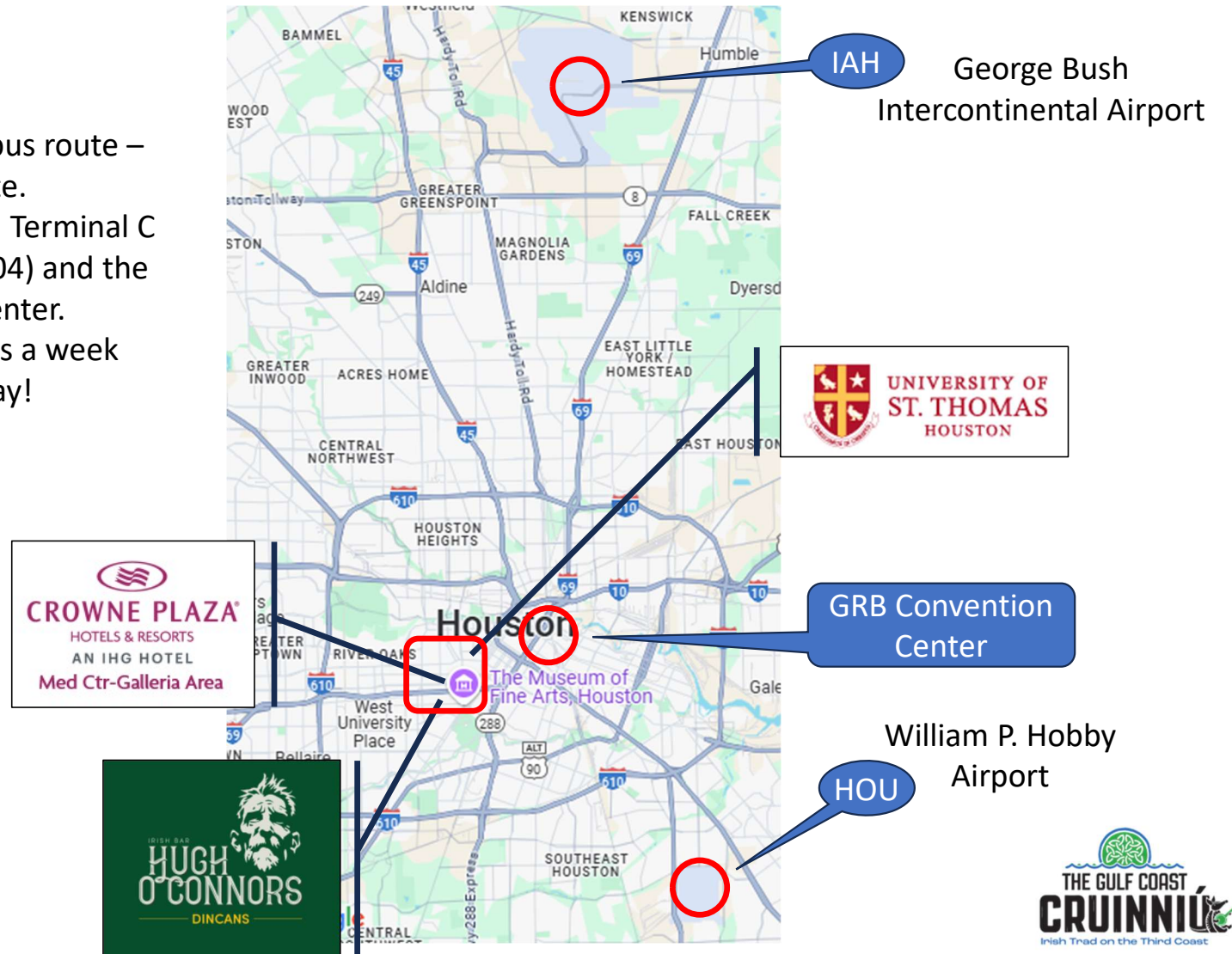


Flying In?

There's a new Houston Metro bus route – 500 IAH Downtown Direct Route. This runs nonstop between IAH Terminal C (Baggage Claim Level Door C-104) and the George R Brown Convention Center. Operates every half hour, 7 days a week from 5:30a-8pm. \$4.50 one-way! Ride Share from there...

Details on the 500 route can be found at:

<https://www.ridemetro.org>



Irish Journeys

Appreciating Traditional Irish Music is a journey. Several of our instructors will present their personal insights from their own journeys. Descriptions follow on the next page.

Friday:

- A. Caitlin Warbelow - Scaffolding as a Learning/Memory Technique [Strake 201]
- B. Máirtín de Cógáin - Ireland - Land of Legends [Malloy 020]

Saturday:

- A. Robert Shaddox - Sean-nós Style Singing [Strake 201]
- B. Jim Aman – Why Study Slow Airs? A Journey through Time [Malloy 020]

Sunday:

- A. Brenda Castles - Ornamentation and Variation [Strake 201]
- B. Máirtín de Cógáin - How to tour Ireland for a week. [Malloy 020]

All Irish Journeys are scheduled for 3pm-4pm in the rooms listed above.



Friday Irish Journeys

A. Scaffolding as a Learning/Memory Technique – Caitlin Warbelow

Strake
201

If you can build a mental/physical "scaffold" of a tune before and while you're learning it, you'll be able to both learn AND retain the tune much more efficiently, quickly, and indelibly.

B. Ireland - the Land of Legends – Máirtín de Cógáin

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Ireland - the land of legends - where every stone has a story to tell. Come hear Máirtín tell you about the most famous legends in Ireland and lead you to real places that connect us to them today.

Saturday Irish Journeys

A. Sean-nós Style Singing – Robert Shaddox

Want to increase your emotional impact when you are singing? Would like to have your audience follow along on the emotional journey of your favorite Irish ballad? Learn the techniques, strategies and methods utilized by these traditional singers to carry the listener along to feel the ebbs and flows of the emotions the singer feels. Traditional Sean-nós is sung in Gaelic, singers who speak or plan to learn Gaelic songs can incorporate these techniques for greater impact. These methods can be utilized for both English and Gaelic traditional singers giving you more confidence in your singing and more enjoyment to your listeners.

Strake
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B. Why Study Slow Airs? A Journey through Time – Jim Aman

Slow airs are an area of Irish trad often largely overlooked by players of melody instruments. Beautiful? Yes. Simple? Looks that way. Aren't they just for singers? No. Aren't they just songs without words? Sometimes. So why spend serious time working on them? And why dive headlong into them? What's the payoff? My journey in this corner of our musical world has been a personal revelation, a self-discovery, a cultural awakening, and the doorway to a special mission in the trad world. During our time together, we will look at this intriguing genre and what it really holds for its practitioners.

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Sunday Irish Journeys

A. Ornamentation and Variation – Brenda Castles

Do you struggle to incorporate ornamentation into your tunes? Do you wonder how musicians come up with melodic variations? Join Brenda as she shares logical, accessible approaches for those who didn't grow up playing traditional music – so you can sound like a natural. Here's an approach to ornamentation and melodic variation for all instruments.

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B. How to tour Ireland for a week – Máirtín de Cógáin

Tips and tricks of the narrow roads with Máirtín

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Meals on Campus

- Students who have ordered any UST meals as part of their Cruinniu registration can take these meals at the Champion's Lounge in Crooker Center.
- Breakfast is served from 7:30am-8:30am and lunch is served from noon to 1:30pm.
- This is for pre-ordered meals only, **no walk-up service**.



Local Dining

- Montrose is a lively neighborhood with many eateries around UST, the Crowne Plaza hotel and Hugh O'Connors on Dincans
- Here's a list of nearby restaurants from the April issue of The Cruinnews:

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Final Notes

- UST Campus Security: (713)525-3888
- Campus Police Department located in Moran Center
- Gulf Coast Cruinniu issues: Visit our office - 102 Strake Hall or contact any staff member
- Buying instructor CDs or enjoying beverages/snacks at the Céilí or concert? We have credit card readers, but we accept cash as well.
- We have a good number of students and instructors staying at our host hotel, the Crowne Plaza Med Center-Galleria. We're pretty much all going to the same places so reduce your parking worries and carpool.
- Using a recording device in your class? Make sure you have enough storage and enough charge.

Scenes from 2024

Classes



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Performance



Sixth Annual



THE GULF COAST CRUINNÍÚ



Irish Trad on the Third Coast