

# MaldenArtsMondays!



## The week of August 3, Norman Greenbaum

This project is done in cooperation with Malden Reads, Malden Public Library and Malden Historical Society

### Learn about Norman Greenbaum

#### Norman Greenbaum ( Born November 20, 1942 - Present)

Norman Greenbaum is known for his hit single, "[Spirit in the Sky](#)", which sold over 2 million copies in 1969 – 1970. The song has a Christian theme, but, Norman himself was raised in an Orthodox Jewish household in Suffolk Square. He said it was inspired from watching Westerns on TV and at the movies. In 2018 Malden Arts dedicated a mural based on "[Spirit in the Sky](#)" for which Norman appeared for the ribbon cutting. Norman Greenbaum still plays and performs music and lives in Santa Rosa, CA.

[Neighborhood View article on Norman Greenbaum mural](#)

[Arts fuse Boston article on Norman Greenbaum and mural](#)



Photograph by Paul Hammersley  
Mural by Jesse Melanson

### Take a Walking Tour

#### [Map of Tour Route](#)

##### Tour Route:

- 1) **Born Malden Hospital**
- 2) **Mural corner of Exchange St. and Washington**
- 3) **Graduate Malden High School**
- 4) **Family home, triple decker on Lisbon street in old Suffolk Square**  
grandparents on first floor, aunt, uncle and cousin on second floor, Norman, sister and parents on top floor, home no longer there.
- 5) **First job, Shan-Lor's in Suffolk Square**
- 6) **Grandfather and father worked at Malitsky Bakery, corner of Franklin and Upham**



## Be your own Artist!

Check out our Activities page with lots of imaginative projects and fun for the whole family!

- Upload your masterpieces and discoveries to <http://www.maldenarts.org/malden-arts-mondays.html> or post on [Malden Arts Facebook page](#)
- Every photo or essay submitted by Sunday@ midnight will be put into a drawing for a weekly \$20 or \$5 gift certificate to a local restaurant, donut or ice cream shop and other surprises!