

Quotes

When we are trying to do something with our fingers, it is very easy to try too hard, to use too much muscular force in the effort to make the fingers move the way we want them to.

Kenneth Wollitz

I relax my hand after striking every note.

Pablo Casals

Practice will benefit greatly from an understanding of two facts about the learning process: that falling back is unavoidable, and that there is no finish line marked 'perfection'.

Donald Paine, professor of music

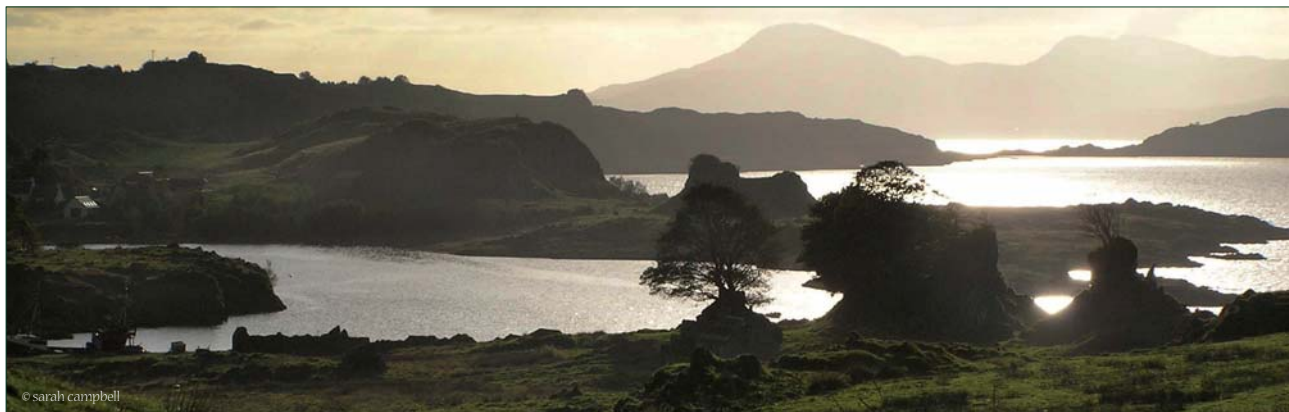
I picked up the fiddle again when I was twenty-seven. I just started over, right from scratch. I threw all the technique I'd ever been taught out of the window, and I just played fiddle tunes. I played them too fast and out of tune and everything else. When I came up against a limitation, I'd back up and reorganize until it sounded better. Working this way, I've learned to play the fiddle over and over through the years.

Donald Pollard, carpenter and amateur fiddler

How to get there

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Lismore Fiddle Retreat with Mairi Campbell



Road

Take the A82 north, onto A828 through Glencoe and Appin, turning right at sign for 'Lismore Ferry'. Ferry times from Port Appin are: 10, 12, 2, 4, 5, 6 and last boat at 8pm. Ferry run is 10 mins. Give yourselves 4 hours to drive from Edinburgh or Glasgow. You can also drive via Oban (A85), over Connel bridge (A828) to Port Appin.

Rail

Take the train to Oban. There, buy a ticket for the Lismore ferry from Caledonian MacBrayne office on the pier, which leaves at 2.45pm and takes 40 mins.
nb: There is no Sunday boat from Lismore to Oban, but lifts could be arranged via Port Appin.

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**Please confirm which ferry you will be on by calling:
Carnie Cottage (Retreat): 01631 760 207 or
Mairi Campbell: 0798 889 4334**

**9-11 November 2007
8-10 February 2008
16-18 May 2008***

Come and spend a weekend on the beautiful island of Lismore and give your fiddle playing a boost!

Each course is available for up to 7 participants at a time so it's a chance to learn in a small group and for me to really see how I can best help you in your playing.

Whether you want to improve your tone, build up your repertoire, learn to play faster, ease any aches and pains, meet other fiddle enthusiasts, this course is for you.

Different levels of ability are accommodated on the same course.

*Specify preferred course dates on the application form

About Mairi



Contact me at:
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Mairi Campbell is one of the finest teachers of violin/fiddle/voice in the U.K today. Her teaching practice is a combination of tradition and technique allowing her students to play unhindered.

2007 sees Mairi teaching summer schools in Vancouver, Dartington International Summer School and Aberdeen International Youth Festival.

She performs with Dave Francis as half of 'The Cast'; the Cast's latest release, 'GREENGOLD', is out now on Greentrax (www.greentrax.com).

Her dance band, 'Bella McNabs', has been playing in and around Edinburgh for the past 15 years and has featured twice on 'Take the Floor'.

She is also musical director and arranger for the Community Folk choir, Sangstream, and was honoured recently for her contributions to adult music education.



Lismore is a beautiful island on the West coast of Scotland, just off Oban. It has a population of 180 and a rich heritage. Only one mile across and nine miles long it nestles quietly on Loch Linnhe with glorious views of the surrounding mountains of Morvern, Glencoe, and south to Mull and Oban area. Fine walking and cycling terrain. Find out more at: www.isleoflismore.com

Views of inside Carmie cottage where you will stay.

Programme

Friday eve

Gathering

Saturday

9am: breakfast

10 am - 1 pm: tuition

1 pm - 4 pm: lunch, walks, practice (optional!)

4 pm - 6 pm: tuition

6.30: meal

Evening: informal ceilidh

Sunday

9 am: breakfast

10 am - 1 pm: tuition

Lunch

Depart

Fee: £ 120

Costs include all meals, accommodation and 8 hours tuition.

Application Form

Course: 9-11 Nov '07 8-10 Feb '08 16-18 May '08

Name:

Address:

Postcode:

Home tel:

Mobile tel:

E-mail:

Describe your ability:

Have you played by ear before?

Any dietary restrictions?

Please send this form with £40 deposit to:

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