



Shona MacFadyen

Shona started playing violin at the age of 8 at school and later became enthralled with Scottish music when her sister started learning the accordion.

Shona was brought up with music around her and the family would always have Take The Floor, on BBC Radio Scotland, on a Saturday night playing. Which she has then got on to broadcast on the same show with her sister and Nicol McLaren on numerous occasions.

Shona's musical influences range from fiddlers like Bryan Gear of Shetland & Archie McAllistair from Campbeltown to band fiddlers like John Ellis & Angus Fitchet.

Shona has received lessons from several different teachers including Jenna Reid from Shetland, Gill Simpson from Dundee and more recently Douglas Lawrence who is based in Glasgow.

Shona has won numerous competitions, including the RSCDS Class, the March, Strathspey & Reel and the Overall Senior Fiddle trophy at the NAAFC Competitions, held in Grangemouth. Prior to that Shona has won slow air, championships and march, strathspey & reel competitions all over Scotland including Perth, Banchory and Oban.

Shona has competed in the prestigious Glenfiddich Fiddle Championship numerous times as well as the Invitational Fiddle competition in Oban and also the first ever Niel Gow Scottish Fiddle Awards.

Shona has played for country dances up and down the UK and further afield with her sister, Susan's band for the last 22 years and has recently been playing with the Glenraig SDB whom she has played in Bahrain with for about 9 years.

Shona, along with Ewan Galloway went out to Australia to play for their Winter School in 2023 in Kiama. She also has trips coming up with Ewan to Germany and Budapest and, along with her sister Susan, the three of them are heading to New Zealand over New Year this year to play for their Summer School.

You could say that Ewan and Shona have become the travelling dynamic duo! Shona is looking forward to playing for the Iberian Weekend next year!