

# Violin and Piano Traditional folk fiddle

with Maggie Duncan

## **ABOUT THE LESSONS:**

Beginners and intermediate students of all ages are welcome, and will be taught simple classical technique for achieving a good sound. Students will learn to read and write music, and also to play by ear. An understanding of chords, harmony and musicianship is developed. Home practice is essential to achieve the most from the lessons. Students may enter for examinations at the Australian Music Examinations Board, develop skills for playing in a band or orchestra, or simply learn for leisure.

### **Fiddle Styles**

Traditionally, fiddle tunes are passed on by ear, including style, ornamentation, variation and improvisation that cannot be easily shown in written music. Much listening, as in the Suzuki method, will be helpful. Lessons can be taped. We play Old-Timey dance music from the Appalachian mountains of America and from rural Australia, along with tunes from the Celtic traditions. Students will be introduced to some popular session tunes, and the art of playing chords and back-up. You don't have to read music, but you may find it easy to learn with this method.

## **ABOUT THE TEACHER:**

Maggie Duncan studied classical violin and piano. She holds an Associate Diploma from the London College of Music, and is an experienced Primary teacher with a Master of Education degree from Monash University. She holds a graduate diploma in music education, and teaches instrumental music in schools.

Maggie pursues a love of Irish, Scottish, American and Australian traditional fiddle music. She can be found playing in dance bands, sessions and concerts around Melbourne and at folk festivals. She is well known as a teacher of traditional fiddle, and conducts regular fiddle workshops.

## **LESSON COSTS:**

Private lessons: 20 minute, \$20.00; 30 minute, \$30.00; 45 minute, \$45; 60 minute, \$55.00.

Private lessons at Home Studio or DRMC Community Music Centre.

Fiddle tunes workshop: \$10. Fourth Wednesday of the month, 7.30 – 9.30 p.m.

Open class at DRMC Community Music Centre.

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