



Violin and traditional folk fiddle Wednesday & Thursday with Maggie Duncan

ABOUT THE LESSONS

Fiddles are violins, but traditionally, fiddle tunes are passed on by ear, including variation in style, ornament, 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. Old-timey dance music based on song is the most accessible fiddle style, and students play tunes from the Appalachian mountains of America and dance music from rural Australia, along with tunes from the Celtic traditions. Students will be introduced to the art of playing chords and back-up.

Beginners of all ages are welcome, and will be taught simple classical technique for achieving a good sound. 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 and is an experienced Primary teacher with a degree of Master of Education 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. Well known as a teacher of traditional fiddle, Maggie conducts regular fiddle workshops. She also teaches classical violin. With fiddler Norm Adams, she created the book and CD set 'Introduction to Old Time Fiddle' for their students, now in its fourth printing.

LESSON COSTS:

Private 20 minute lesson: \$20.00

Private 30 minute lesson: \$29.00

Private 45 minute lesson: \$39.50

30 minute shared lesson (x 2 students): \$18.00 per student

Group lesson (45 – 60 minute): \$18.00. There will be one or two group classes per term.

Fiddle tunes workshop: \$8.50. Last Wednesday of the month, 7.30 – 9.30 p.m. Open class.

HOW TO ENROL:

Read the enrolment conditions carefully and return completed enrolment form with a deposit of the payment for one lesson. An invoice will be sent for the balance of the term fees. You will be advised of term dates and lesson times.

We are located at Dandenong Ranges Music Council community music centre at Upwey High School, 1451 Burwood Highway, Upwey 3158. PO Box 430, Belgrave 3160. Ph: 9754 2105. Email:

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