

Fiddleworks 2019 Class Descriptions

Listed alphabetically by Teacher's First Name

NOTE - There are 6 levels of fiddling at our camp:

First Time

Players with no previous experience or very very little experience.

Beginner

Players with very little experience, 1-2 years of playing under their belt (Suzuki book 1, and/or know about 10 fiddle tunes). Many students are at the beginner level for more than one year.

Beginner Plus (Beg +)

Players with a little experience, 1-3 years of playing under their belt (Suzuki book 1 or 2 and/or know about 10-20 fiddle tunes). You're really close to being intermediate, but not quite there yet...

Intermediate (Int)

Players with some experience, 2-5 years of playing (Suzuki book 2 or 3, or know 20 - 50 fiddle tunes)

Intermediate Plus (Int +)

Players with a fair amount of experience, who learn by ear easily, have good technique, but who are not quite yet advanced. (Suzuki book 3 or 4, or know 50 - 100 fiddle tunes)

Advanced (Adv)

Players with a lot of experience, who are quick to learn by ear, have great technical ability ie. can fluently play in positions, and have some knowledge of theory. (Suzuki Book 5 and up, or know more than 100 fiddle tunes well.)

Adrian's Fiddle & Recording Classes

The Bills Advance Band

This unique workshop class is for advanced students of all instruments (and voice) will focus on songs and tunes from the bands repertoire, recreated for the uniqueness of the Fiddleworks musical mob.

Class Time: 11:00

Advanced Tasty Twisty Fiddle

Enjoy the challenge of some mind bending modern tunes with at least a couple of golden oldie finger twisters thrown in there for good times. Hoping for some layered up fiddle parts too!

Class Time: 1:30

Recording (Int-Adv, all Instruments)

Come play in the studio with the one and only Mr. Dolan! This intensive class will delve into the world of sound engineering, from microphones to mixers... and best of all, create something to share! All instruments welcome, ages 12+ up.

Class Time: 3:00

Brooke's Choir & Theory/Composition Classes

Camp Choir (everyone welcome)

Have a blast singing your heart out in this all ages joy filled choir class.

Class Time: 11:00

Music Nerd Workshop (Voice & All Instruments, ages 12+)

Here's an amazing opportunity to really climb out of the box and delve into some mind blowing stuff in the realms of theory, composition and concocting musical masterpieces with Mr. Creative himself.

Class Time: 1:30

DooWop Choir (Ages 10+)

Does this really need describing?

Class Time: 3:00

Calvin's Fiddle Classes

Intermediate + Spirit of the East

Promises of spicy tunes from the Ukraine and beyond!

Class time: 1:30

Beginner Fiddle: Dance tunes

All the dance hits, all the fun! Learn some simple but super dance tunes that you can enjoy playing, especially for dances.

Class Time: 3:00

Clara's Fiddle Classes

Swedish Fiddle (Int/Int+)

We'll learn traditional and modern fiddle tunes from Sweden and Scandinavia. Feel the odd time of the Poslka, and practice

writing harmony parts in the style of the Swedish “second violin.”

Class Time: 11:00

Oli Fiddle (Int+/Adv)

Learn the amazing music of Oliver Schroer from one of his own "Twisted Stringers". We'll play some of his funkier fiddle tunes, including grooving fiddle rhythm parts to accompany these wild melodies. Fiddles, Violas and Cellos welcome!

Class Time: 1:30

Blues & Jazz Fiddle (Beg+/Int)

Learn blues scales and the building blocks to begin improvising, how to play a swing feel on the fiddle and play an accompanying groove (including the infamous fiddle “chop”). We’ll talk a little bit about the history of Blues and Jazz music, and learn some standard Jazz songs that are essential any Jazz player’s repertoire.

Class Time: 3:00

Jess’s Dance, Puppetry & Improv/Theatre Classes

Time Machine Dance Class

Learn the dances & moves from popular music across the eras (right from Swing to Disco!)

Class Time: 11:00

The Amazing Puppet Show (All Ages)

Explore puppetry and create your own show!!

- Animated objects (taking every day objects or fabric and turning them into puppets)
- Group puppetry (3-4 people manipulating one large puppet)
- Shadow puppetry (creating a screen with white fabric and a flashlight, then creating 2D puppets out of cardboard, and performing stories to a soundscape)
- Foley Sound (Creating soundscapes for stories - using things like crinkled paper, your hands, humming, tapping etc.)

Class Time: 1:30

Improv/ Theatre Games (Ages 10-100)

- Creating tableaux stories
- Bus Stop
- Freeze and replace
- The Question Game
- more fun etc.

Class Time: 3:00

Jeff's Cello Classes

First Time Cello

Make your cello dream come true-- finally, you can learn to play the evocative instrument who's beautiful sounds have been haunting you since last fiddle camp. No playing experience needed, but you will need to borrow, buy or rent a cello!

Class Time: 11:00

Advanced Cello & Chops

An advanced cello class exploring everything the complete folk cellist will need in their tool box, from chopping techniques and

rhythmic patterns (groove!) and of course some great fiddle tunes that really shine on the cello. All served up with a dash of great technique and total inspiration!

Class Time: 1:30

Beginner/Intermediate Cello & Chops

An introduction to folk cello, focusing on learning how to create a groove, adapt simple fiddle tunes to cello, and play with great technique. Some playing experience required (cello, viola or fiddle), and bring your own cello! You can rent one if needed (please see FAQ at www.fiddleworks.ca)

Class Time: 3:00

Julia's Ukulele, Fiddle & Songwriting Classes

Ukulele (Beginner & experienced, ages 7+ up)

Have you ever wanted to explore the strange yet wonderful tropical instrument... the ukulele? I will be bringing the sandy beaches of Hawaii to you in this low-level exploration of basic strumming patterns, chords, and sing-along songs. If you are a little more well versed in the ways of the ukulele, then we will look at some fingerpicking harmonies to compliment the songs we cover. Aimed at folks age 7 and up.

Class Time: 11:00

First Time Fiddle (kids ages 7-11)

If you have never picked up a bow or fiddle before, or can't remember what you did the last time you picked up your fiddle, then this is the class for you. Aimed at kids age 7 ish - 10 ish,

this will be a fun exploration of basic fiddle techniques, tunes, and bowing rhythms.

You can rent a fiddle if needed (please see FAQ at www.fiddleworks.ca)

Class Time: 1:30

Introduction to Songwriting (Ages 10 - Adult)

In this skill building class, I will be giving you some tools for your songwriting tool box. We will look at the typical structure that songs today are built around, basic chord progressions that compliment different musical vibes, and maybe play around with some lyric prompts. We will observe what works and what doesn't, and we will try our hand at creating our own songs. In this workshop, I will provide you with the hammer and nails, and the creativity will be left up to you! Feel free to bring an accompaniment instrument of your choice (such as guitar/ukulele/keyboard) and consider being ready to sing. Aimed for people age 10 and up.

Class Time: 3:00

Karen's Fiddle & Dance Classes

All Camp Dance

A variety of dances for everyone, Wednesday and Thursday afternoon at 3:30 in the Pondome!

Learn a smorgasbord of mixers, polkas, novelty dances, squares, contras, and international folk dances. Take the music you've been playing on your instruments and put it in your feet!

Karen will also be the main dance caller at our Tuesday night community barn dance at Beaver Point Hall and Friday's Gala dance in Centennial Park.

Beginner Best Loved Fiddle

Come learn those most favourite beginner fiddle tunes from one of the best teachers ever.

Class Time: 11:00

Intermediate Fiddle

More info coming soon, Karen's classes are always FABULOUS.

Class Time: 1:30

First Time Fiddle (Ages 12-Adult)

OK, here's your chance to take the plunge into the amazing world of fiddle! Karen will give you a great foundation in how to hold the instrument and bow, making a beautiful tone, playing in tune, and funnest of all-- she'll teach you a couple of fiddle tunes!! (p.s. little kids have a First Time Fiddle class at 1:00 with Julia, this one is just for big kids and Adults).

You can rent a fiddle if needed (please see FAQ at www.fiddleworks.ca)

Class Time: 3:00

Lisa's Art Classes

Artful Encounters with Nature (Youth ages 9-12)

Children will experience a simplified version of the Creative by Nature Art Method- a contemplative painting practice of making

art with Earth and heart. Participants will paint the textures, sounds and patterns of the plant and animal life in the gardens and forest of the Salt Spring Centre. Fun activities like "art trade" and spontaneous mark making with earth and plants will be woven in.

Class Time: 11:00

Creative by Nature Art Foundations (Teens 13+ & Adults)

Learn the Creative by Nature Art Method- a contemplative painting practice of making quiet mind art with earth and heart for joy and nature connection. Paint the textures, sounds, patterns, movement, light & shadows of the plant and animal life in the gardens and forest of the Salt Spring Centre. Come away with all the foundation skills to enjoy this simple yet powerful practice.

Class Time: 1:30

The Joy of Nature Art Play (Children ages 5-8)

This is a playful painting and drawing exploration of the plants and animals of the Salt Spring Centre. Children will paint with their eyes closed using both hands as they connect with their senses to the world around them. Fun activities like "art trade" and spontaneous mark making with earth and plants will be woven in.

Class Time: 3:00

Marc's Cool Cat Ensemble Classes

The Bills Advance Band

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Class Time: 11:00

Vamps, Riffs & Improv (Int- Adv, all instruments)

Enjoying one or two chord vamps and learning to create cool riffs and awesome solos over them. Why is it so fun to play two chords with your friends for 30 minutes!?! All instruments welcome

Class Time: 1:30

Tools for Jamming (Int-Adv, All Instruments)

Applicable understanding of chordal movements and approaches to improvising and understanding music harmony. Lots of actual playing is involved! All instruments welcome.

Class Time: 3:00

Richard's Fiddle/Viola & Yoga Classes

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Class Time: 11:00

Yoga, Breathing & Music (all instruments)

Bring your instrument and yourself; yoga and breathing for musicians to relax and focus the mind body.

Class Time: 1:30

Rock Fiddle & Viola (Int-Int+)

Come, bring your instrument, and rock out with Richard.

*Class Time: 3:00***Ryan's Percussion Classes**

Big Dudes Percussion Ensemble (ages 11-111)

Ryan is the percussion master -- no experience needed, bring a percussion instrument if you have one (and if not he'll be sure to find something for you to bang on!) In this unique percussion ensemble you will incorporate rhythm, body movement, and found objects to create a groovy and visually exciting performance piece.

Class Time: 11:00

Little Dudes Percussion Ensemble (ages 5-10)

This class is a totally fun introduction to the world of percussion, rhythm, coordination and ensemble playing mixed with a whole lotta FUN. Ryan will create a percussion ensemble incorporating rhythm, body movement, and found objects and you will collaboratively create a groovy and visually exciting performance piece.

Class Time: 1:30

Scott's Awesome Collaborative Classes

The Bills Advanced Band

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Class Time: 11:00

Bass: The Groove Factor

A workshop for upright and electric bass players who have some experience; this class will at times merge with the Vamps Riffs and Improv class.

Class Time: 1:30

Canadian Song (melodies, vocals, and accompanying instruments of all levels)

This is a fun and inclusive class of old time Canadian songs to sing and play. We would learn the words, the chords, the melody. I guarantee it will be fun for old and young. (Scott is passionate about the subject and knows dozens of tunes on the brink of being passed over by the new generations which he feels deeply compelled to share).

Class Time: 3:00

Zavallennahh's Fiddle & Piano Classes

Singing' and Fiddle (Beg +/-Int)

A fun class where we will learn to sing the songs the fiddle tunes are based on, a great way to improve learning by ear and maximize fun. Zav will also be sure to help students improve their technique & aural (listening) skills.

Class Time: 11:00

Experienced Piano Accompaniment

So you ready to rock it out on the keys in the fiddle world? You've come to the right place. You need to know how to play the piano with two hands pretty solidly, but don't need any prior experience accompanying fiddle music. Or if you are experienced in fiddle accompaniment, let's take it to the next level!! Please be sure to bring your own Keyboard, stand and headphones to this class.

Class Time: 3:00

Little Groovers (Ages 3-6, 9:00-12:00 each morning)

Leave your littlest family member(s) in the expert care of our wonderful pre-school staff Tuesday- Friday mornings from 9-12! While attending "Little Groovers", children will experience music and movement with a Kindermusic specialist, circle time with different Fiddleworks guest instructors each day, plus enjoy ample outdoor play time and guided adventures at the Salt Spring Centre, and take part in nature and music themed games, crafts, and stories. The cost of "Little Groovers" includes a child-portion lunch and a healthy mid morning snack.