

2023 Fiddleworks Camp Kootenay Class Descriptions

Classes are listed alphabetically by Instructor's first name:

Brie Hurlburt (fiddle)	Jeff Faragher (cello, electronics)
Chelsea Sleep (fiddle)	JJ Guy (fiddle)
Emma Penner (fiddle, Ukulele)	Maggie Chow (art)
Gordon Stobbe (fiddle, mandolin)	Velle Weitman (fiddle, voice)
	Zavallennahh (fiddle, viola, Keyboard)

Brie Hurlburt (Fiddle)

Intermediate Fiddle Back-Up and Lead

In this class we will look at how we can become the back up instrument as well as the lead instrument. We will discuss how we can choose our backup notes and look at some different rhythms and techniques that can support the lead. We will learn a tune and then form groups trading off the lead and backup.

Class Time: 11:00

Intermediate Fiddle Ornamentation

This class will assist students in dressing up their tunes with some ornamentation! We can look at different techniques to add colour and complexity to fiddle tunes.

Class Time: 1:30

Intermediate Bluegrass Groove, Scales & Tunes

Often in fiddle music (especially bluegrass) there is more of an emphasis on the "off" beat. This emphasis really plays into a special groove when fiddling. We will play with this idea and see if we can apply it to a few tunes. Starting with basic rhythms and working up to scales and eventually to our tunes.

Class Time: 3:00

Classes with Chelsea Sleep (Fiddle)

First Time Fiddle (for kids!)

This class is designed for kids and adults who have never played the fiddle before! The course will include an introduction to the fiddle by focusing on holding, bowing, and basic finger patterns. You will be able to play a tune or two by the end of the week, guaranteed! (Students ages 5 & 6 are asked to please attend with an adult).

Class Time: 11:00 Need to rent a fiddle? See the FAQ page!

Fiddle Hits! (Beg, Beg+)

Bring your fiddles, mandolins and an open ear... ready to learn the greatest fiddle hits that all beginner/beginner + students should know, with hints about the technique and groove to do it well.

Class Time: 1:30

Intermediate/Advanced Oli Fiddle

This class will delve into the amazing music of Oliver Schroer, the Canadian Fiddle legend (1956-2008). His music and influence is truly unique, and has given birth to a new generation of fiddlers and fiddle music.

Please bring a recorder or phone to record/video in class.

Class Time: 3:00

Emma Penner (piano, fiddle, ukulele)

First Time Fiddle (along with Chelsea)

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Beginner Fiddle (with great technique)

All ages, come learn some great tunes and techniques. Lots of fun.

Class time: 1:30

Beginner Ukulele

Come and have a hoot while learning this wonderful little instrument from the tropical Hawaiian islands, and enjoy singing along. Rentals available.

Class time: 3:00

Gordon Stobbe (fiddle, mandolin)

Hey Is That Really a Fiddle Tune?

Exploring tunes from other genres (e.g. jazz, swing, and pop tunes) that adapt really well to an old time dance repertoire. Some examples could be Ain't Misbehavin', Puttin' on the Ritz, Norwegian Wood, etc., all of which are great dance tunes, have lots of teaching possibilities and are very attainable for int. or adv. students.

Class time: 11:00

Sweets of May Dance & Fiddle

Learn to play the tune, dance the dance, and call the dance! All dancers and players welcome.

Class time: 1:30

Intermediate/Advanced Atlantic Fiddle

This class will focus on tunes from some of the older and late players from the Atlantic provinces.

Class time: 3:00

Jeff Faragher (cello, electronics)

Intro to Folk Cello

An introductory cello class 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: 11:00

Making A Music Video (all instruments, int-adv, ages 12+)

Hands-on class to learn the ins and outs of making a music video. If you can bring a smart phone or i-pad, you'll get max benefit.

Class Time: 1:30

Music Reading and Memory

A life-changing class for all ages and instruments where the true secrets of faster reading and how to get off the page will be revealed and put into practice.

Class Time: 3:00

Classes with JJ Guy (Fiddle)

Intermediate Metis Fiddle

Metis fiddle is one of unique rhythms and melodies. Learn tunes from one of the most popular fiddle styles today.

Class Time: 11:00

Intermediate Dance Fiddle

Learn dance tunes that have a strong tradition in the west, how the music fits the steps and why they are played the way they are!

Class time: 1:30

Make It Better (fiddle)

Lets take common and simple fiddle tunes and make them smoother, faster, and add ornaments... just how to make a tune more interesting.

Class Time: 3:00

Classes with Maggie Chow (Art)

Artful Encounters with Nature (Youth ages 5-12)

Participants will be inspired by the textures, sounds and patterns of the plant and animal life in the forest and meadows of Canyon Park. Maggie will use a variety of mediums and techniques with the students and display them at our art show during the final concert.

Class Time: 11:00 and 3pm

Art and Nature (Teens 13+ & Adults)

Come and enjoy making quiet mind art with earth and heart, for joy and nature connection. Use a variety of mediums to explore the textures, sounds, patterns, movement, light and shadows of the plant and animal life in the forests and meadows of Canyon Park.

Class Time: 1:30

Classes with Velle Weitman (fiddle, voice)

Folk Band (All Instruments, Int - Adv)

All instruments and vocalists are welcome to join this dynamic class. Layering music, stage presence, working with mics and sound gear, and preparing for performing will all be addressed. A Friday band performance will be the end goal!

Class Time: 11:00

Intermediate Fiddle and Song (Beg +/-Int fiddle)

Did you know that many fiddle tunes are actually songs? In this class we're going to learn both how to play the tunes and how to sing the songs! Plus how to back our singing with rhythmic chopping on our fiddles.

Class Time: 1:30

Karaoke Kraze (all ages & abilities)

Come join the fun! Build your singing confidence as you sing favourite pop songs with backing tracks and learn how to do it with great vocal technique, good intonation, and knowing where to breathe. SO MUCH FUN!

Class Time: 3:00

Classes with Zavallennahh Huscroft (fiddle, Keys)

New Tunes (int/adv fiddle, viola, cello, mandolin)

There are so many amazing new tunes being composed these days, it's hard to keep up... we'll learn a tasty and interesting splattering of these groovy compositions, focusing on tune smiths from Canada.

Class Time: 11:00

Music Therapy (All levels, all instruments)

In this class we will explore sound, rhythm, and music as a medium for healing and personal exploration. We will also incorporate nature and composition into our journey.

Class Time: 1:00

Piano Accompaniment (ages 12 to adult)

Come and hone your listening skills as we discover how to accompany fiddle music on the piano and sound like a pro. This class requires a minimum of 2 years piano playing experience - students should already have rudimentary knowledge of piano theory, i.e. note names, chord basics, etc.

Intermediate to advanced players ages 12 to adult, please supply a keyboard (there will be a safe place to leave it on site during camp).

Class Time: 3:00