



# Judi Nicolson

## *fiddle* (Scotland)

Scottish fiddler Judi Nicolson is a consummate performer, her dynamic fiddling, engaging stage presence, and deep understanding of Scotland's music has created a demand for her solo appearances, concerts and dances throughout the UK and Americas with a variety of groups.

Although classically trained from an early age, her passion was to play Traditional Scottish Fiddle Music. By the age of fifteen, she had won three major Open Scottish Fiddle Championships. Judi went on to play throughout the UK both as a soloist and with some of the finest Scottish Dance Bands. Over the years, she has recorded numerous sessions for Radio, appeared on television and in Theatre.

Judi moved to Shetland in 1989 and married accordionist, Ian Nicolson. She was Musical Archivist for the Shetland Musical Heritage Trust and is a Trustee, her main task was transcribing the late Dr. Tom Anderson's music. During her time in Shetland she taught traditional fiddle music in schools throughout the Island.

After moving with her family to Aberdeenshire in 2004 Judi qualified as a violin teacher teaching both classical and traditional fiddle in Scotland. In Summer 2008 Judi, husband Ian and their two children relocated to Katy, Texas where Judi continues to teach students, plays for Concerts, Ceilidhs, Scottish Country dances, workshops, and RSCDS-Royal Scottish Country Dance Society Ball's throughout the US and Canada. Judi has been a musician for TAC Summer School multiple times and a musician for Adelaide Winter School, Australia.

In January 2017, Judi launched her new CD 'FiddleMyStyle' along with fellow musicians Kathy Fraser-Collins (Piano and Accordion), Fred Collins (Drums) and Rob Wolanski (Double Bass and Guitar). She has previously recorded 2 solo albums and 14 albums with a variety of great musicians. 'Waves of Sound', a book of her compositions was published in 2002, and a second book 'FiddleMyStyle' was published in 2018.

She continues to have a busy and exciting musical year ahead having been appointed as Music Director for Boston Harbor Fiddle School. She is playing at numerous RSCDS events throughout the United States and Canada, also returning to Australia for the 2019 Melbourne Winter School.

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