

## Caroline McNair Bio

**Caroline** started learning to play the violin at age 7 in her homeland of Scotland, after quickly picking up the recorder and teaching herself to play celtic dance tunes by ear. She still plays the first 7/8 size violin her mum bought for her at a farm auction in 1991 for the price of £20.

Caroline moved to Darwin from Perth WA in 1999 and has largely lived in the NT since then. She enrolled in the Bachelor of Music offered by then NTU (now CDU) and studied with Martin Jarvis, with other valuable input from Adrian Walter, David Matthew and Rebecca Harris to name a few. After a few years playing for DSO, Caroline also enjoys performing on violin and viola with her various bands and classical ensembles. She loves teaching violin and viola to people of all ages, finding it very rewarding and worthwhile.

After years of teaching with local schools including:

- Milkwood Steiner School
- The Essington School

Caroline feels very happy and settled in her colourful and eclectic room at Centre for Youth and Community Music (CYCM), in the very same buildings and campus where she completed her own Bachelor of Music.