

Muriel A. Johnstone



Muriel's work in the field of traditional Scottish music has taken her from Scotland to the United States of America, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Japan and Europe. Her reputation as one of the finest musicians currently playing for Scottish dance puts her in great demand for workshops, dances and concerts, both as a solo artist and together with other musicians.

During her career Muriel has had several wonderful musical liaisons since her first band gig with Bobby Crowe. These include Marian Anderson, Chris Duncan, Angus Fitchet, Alasdair Fraser, Iain Fraser, Jim Lindsay, Judith Linton, Calum MacKinnon, Gordon Smith and Keith Smith, to name but some.

Muriel's diversity ensures a very busy life-style and a great deal of traveling as she continues to teach (both music and dance), perform, play for classes and dances, and compose. To date Muriel has released 18 CDs on her own Scotscores label and has appeared on many other recordings. As a prolific composer, Muriel has provided tunes for many dances and for many people throughout the huge Scottish Country Dance world. Many of her compositions have been published and a number of dance books.

The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society recognized her service to Scottish Country dancing and music by awarding her the Society's Scroll of Honour in 2002.

Muriel is currently living in Courtenay on Vancouver Island.

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CD releases:

2005 SSCD18 – “Masters of the Tradition Vol.1 - Muriel Johnstone (piano)
2004 SSCD17 – “Campbell’s Birl” – Scottish Country Dance – with Keith Smith (fiddle)
2004 SSCD16 – “Vintage Goldring” - Scottish Country Dance - with Keith Smith (fiddle)
2004 SSCD15 – “Delaware Valley” - Scottish Country Dance – live with Keith Smith (fiddle)
2002 SSCD14 – “Dancing Fingers 5” The Merse Collection – Muriel Johnstone (piano)
2002 SSCD13 – “Dancing Fingers 4” The Blackadder collection – Muriel Johnstone (piano)
2001 SSCD12 – “Dancing Fingers 3” The Whiteadder Collection - with Ronnie Currie (bass)
2001 SSCD11 – “Dancing Fingers 2” The Allanton Collection - with Ronnie Currie (bass)
2001 SSCD10 – “Dancing Fingers 1” – with Ronnie Currie (bass)
2000 SSCD09 – “15 Social Dances” – with Marian Anderson, Keith Smith, Gordon Smith
1999 SSCD08 - “Cairngorms” - Scottish Country Dance music, live with Keith Smith (fiddle)
1998 SSCD07- “Dancing Live ‘75” –Scottish Country Dance music live with Muriel Johnstone’s Band
1998 SSCD06 – “Haste Ye Back” – Roy Goldring Dances with the Muriel Johnstone Band
1995 SSCD01 – “North of the Tweed” – with Marian Anderson & Judith Linton

Also featured on:

2004 RSCDSCD44 - “Eight Scottish Country Dances Book 38” – the Muriel Johnstone Band
2003 CUL 0076 – “Legacy of the Scottish Fiddle Vol.2” – with Alasdair Fraser & Natalie Haas
2003 SK01 – “It’s About Time,,” – with Calum MacKinnon
2001 SICD102 - “Dances with a Difference” - Mary Brandon Dances - with the Muriel Johnstone Band
2000 SICD101 - “Memories of Fife” - Mary Brandon Dances - with the Muriel Johnstone Band
1998 RSCDSCD012 - “Twelve Scottish Country Dances Book 24” – the Muriel Johnstone Band
1997 SKYE - “A Skye Collection” – Muriel Johnstone’s Band / Colin Dewar’s Band
RSCDS CDs- MacNab Dances Volumes 1 & 2 - the Muriel Johnstone Band
RSCDS CDs – “DanceThrough the Miscellanies” Vols. 1,2 & 3 - the Muriel Johnstone Band
RSCDSCD20 - With the Music, Ready and..... - Muriel Johnstone (piano)
RSCDS Cassete – Ladies Step Dances – Muriel Johnstone (piano)