



## Mickey Stewart

Born and raised in Little Bras d'Or, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia where she was immersed in Celtic music from a young age, Mickey's passion has always been drumming. She teaches a variety of percussion, (pipe band snare, bass, tenor, drum kit and bodhrán) at schools in Perthshire, Scotland and has been running the drum programme at Ardvreck School since 2002.

Mickey's drumming career started 40 years ago as a snare drummer with the Sprigs Of Heather Pipe Band. She was selected to be part of the 1987 Canada Games Pipe Band and recorded her first album with them. At the age of sixteen she joined the Halifax Police Pipe Band (now the 78th Highlanders Halifax Citadel).

In the mid-90's Mickey moved to Scotland to play snare with the Grade 1 Vale Of Atholl Pipe Band under five-time World Drum Corps Champion Jim King. During that time she recorded the album 'Live 'N Well' with the Vale and performed throughout Scotland, England, Germany, Brittany, and the Czech Republic.

Mickey has been teaching the Bodhrán summer course at the Gaelic College in Cape Breton for twenty-five years. She has taught through the Royal Scottish Academy of Music And Drama (now the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland), the Pacific Institute Of Piping and Celtic Performing Arts and numerous music camps throughout the UK and North America. She has also taught bodhrán at the prestigious Glenalmond College.

Mickey is the creator and founder of BodhránExpert.com and her YouTube videos teaching the Celtic hand drum, the bodhrán, are watched in every single country in the world and have well over 2 MILLION views. Her online course, BodhránExpert Platinum Membership, is one of the first musical instrument online video tutorial courses of its kind that makes the student feel like she actually in the room with them, taking them by the hand through their learning journey. She is currently taking her Keepers Of The Rhythm - Platinum Level 2 students through a very in-depth, year-long programme.

Mickey lives in the picturesque town of Crieff in Perthshire, Scotland with her husband of twenty-four years, Scottish musician and composer, Mark Stewart, along with their seventeen-year-old son, Cameron, who is also a piper. They all play in the Vale Of Atholl Pipe Band which Mark is Pipe Major of.