

Carolyn McMillan (2007)



Carolyn McMillan has spent her entire career fostering a love of music in children, both through her professional work and through her many volunteer activities. She has done this not only by teaching the children, but by imparting her passion for children and music to parents, teachers and potential teachers.

Carolyn holds an A.R.T.C. degree from the Royal Conservatory of Music, University of Toronto; an Orff Teacher's certificate; and teaching certificates from the Ontario Ministry of Education at both the Primary and Elementary school levels. She has taught with two Ontario boards of education; has acted as music consultant to the Upper Grand District School Board and to the Music in the Schools program of the Edward Johnson Music Foundation; and has trained teachers through both the Ontario Ministry of Education and Wilfrid Laurier University.

Beyond the formalized education system, Carolyn is a teacher with the Guelph Orff Music Studio and the founder and director of the Guelph Children's Recorder Group. She is a frequent presenter of music teaching workshops and courses at the elementary, secondary, association and university levels. She has had a commitment to the Girl Guides of Canada for 30 years, ranging from Brownie leader to National Music Advisor. Carolyn was a founding and long time executive member of the Guelph Youth Music Centre, and the founder and moving force behind the highly successful Outreach Program of the GYMC. Colleagues speak highly of her mentorship, her energy and her inspiring teaching skills.

For more than thirty years, Carolyn McMillan has been both a visionary and an advocate for young people, music and the arts. The community and her students are immeasurably richer for her leadership.