

Graeme Wilson is a native of Ayr but an adopted Fifer with 50 years' residence there.

Music featured in childhood with great support and encouragement from parents and in a lively Ayrshire environment and has been his life's work and involvement.

Performing has been a lifelong part of his life whether orchestral violin playing, accompanying choirs and soloists or conducting and Graeme is pleased to support Dollar Academy's Young Musician and Young Singer of the Year competition.

As Head of Music at Dunfermline's Queen Anne High School for 20 years, he led many educational projects moving in 1995 to Fife Council HQ as Adviser in Music, Music Services Manager and conductor of Fife Youth Orchestra. Retirement from the post in 2010 changed little in terms of music engagement – indeed he remained conductor of FYO until 2014. Graeme is Musical Director and Conductor of Fife's Community Orchestra – Kirkcaldy Orchestral Society, Secretary of the Scottish Association for Music Education and a consultant with the Tapestry Partnership in Glasgow. As the long-time Chair of Fife Festival of Music, he has guided its path through many changes aimed at retaining performing as a central part of community music making.

Graeme was an Examiner for SQA for 35 years and recently adjudicated the on-line Ayrshire Music Performer, 2021 assessing over 80 video string performances. He looks forward to hearing Dollar's young performers.