

Gillian Sheppard

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Dr. Gillian Sheppard hails from Newfoundland, a rocky island in the middle of the North Atlantic. She is a piccolo and contemporary music specialist, having completed her Doctorate at the University of Toronto and Artist Diploma from the Royal College of Music (London, UK) in these areas. Gillian also holds a Master of Music from Memorial University and a Baccalaureate of Music from the University of Ottawa.

An avid performer, Gillian plays regularly with the Newfoundland Symphony Orchestra, Opera on the Avalon, the Watershed Ensemble and Atlantic Light Theatre Company, among others. She loves being on stage and enjoys exploring and sharing new music with audiences.

Gillian is a dynamic music educator and social entrepreneur. In 2011 she founded Project Grace, an el Sistema-inspired community music program, followed by the spin off social enterprise The Bethany Centre for Arts and Community in 2018. Her private teaching studio, Tutti Flutey, offers lessons to aspiring flutists from 4 to 75 years old! In addition to teaching and performing, Gillian works with Memorial University's Faculty of Business Administration as the educational support coordinator for the MBA in Social Enterprise & Entrepreneurship.

Gillian lives in St. John's with her fiance, cat and horse. You can find her on Instagram: @gilliansheppardflute