

Skoog Story: Emma Clark - Skoog Musician

Emma Clark is a young musician who has Williams Syndrome. Emma began playing Skoog a few years ago and has performed at a variety of concerts and even written and recorded her own compositions for Skoog. Emma is one of the Skoog players featured in the new video about Skoog 2.0 and the song at the end of the video is her own composition Arctic Tern. <https://vimeo.com/146421065>

It's "fun, fabulous, funky and futuristic" says Emma.

"There is something magical about it" says Elaine (Emma's mum), when discussing Skoog in a recent interview. Emma was introduced to Skoog by a local charity Drake Music Scotland who are dedicated to overcoming the barriers people with disabilities face in making music. For Elaine, it is the range of creative possibilities and the opportunity for developing new skills that make Skoog such a great addition to Emma's music making. Emma has always enjoyed singing and now with Skoog she can sing and play at the same time which opens up a whole new world of creative opportunities for her.

As well as performing with Skoog, Emma has been teaching others about the potential it offers to those unable to use traditional instruments. In a recent event at the Royal Scottish Conservatoire in Glasgow, Emma shared her experience of Skoog with teachers interested in learning about the work of the charity Drake Music Scotland and the innovative new technologies and teaching methods they use.

"You don't have to read music, or play an instrument, it gives everyone the opportunity to create music" says Elaine, "It's so tactile and versatile, Emma loves it."

Supporting links:

- Performing with the Digital Quartet: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gRO0EbzPnjE>
- Emma performing Arctic Tern, her original composition: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=62C_RvKI1bk
- More singing and playing: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cN2QPndNKAQ>

- Emma and some other Skoog players talk about playing Skoog: <https://vimeo.com/132421992>