## **Shona van Vliet**

## **Conductor and Violin Tutor - Junior String Orchestra**

Shona van Vliet started playing the violin at the age of ten. She studied at the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama graduating with a BMus (Hons) degree in 2006. She was awarded 'the Caird Travelling Scholarship' to continue her studies at the prestigious Royal Northern College of Music in Manchester, graduating in 2007 with a Postgraduate Diploma in Performance, with Merit.

Shona played in various youth orchestras throughout Scotland including South Lanarkshire Orchestral Society, playing in numerous venues including the Royal Albert Hall in London for the BBC proms, the Sage,



the Conertgebouw Amsterdam and Berlin KonzertHaus. Shona has also performed in the prestigious Schleswig Holstein Music Festival and played with the Seychelles International Symphony Orchestra.

Furthermore Shona has played with Rod Stewart, Smokey Robinson, Andrea Bocelli and Katherine Jenkins. She has recorded music for the London Olympics and recorded a documentary for American television. Shona currently plays in various orchestras throughout Scotland as a freelance violinist and teaches violin in South Lanarkshire.