

Arlene Shiplett Biography:

Arlene is a Saskatchewan Based Horn teacher and musician. She has been teaching Horn in the Saskatoon Area for over 20 years. Her hometown is North Battleford, Saskatchewan where she participated in many local community groups such as the City Kinsmen Band and the Battlefords Concert Band. Arlene graduated from the University of Saskatchewan with a B. Mus. Mus. Ed in 1986. She taught Band for the next 14 years. In 2000 she shifted her focus to teaching Horn and becoming the Horn Instructor at the University of Saskatchewan.

Arlene has created an active horn community in Saskatoon. She conducts the Saskatoon Horn Choir and the Saskatoon Junior Horn Choir. The Saskatoon Horn choir was created in 2002 for her university students and it grew to include members of all the Adult bands and orchestras in Saskatoon. Her current horn studio is over 30 students, representing both school divisions in Saskatoon, Outlook and Adult brass players. Many of Arlene's students have gone on to study Music or have continued to play for fun once they finish high school.

She is also in demand as a horn clinician for provincial honour bands and school sectionals. She has presented workshops at the Saskatchewan Music conferences and published articles for the Saskatchewan Band Association.

Arlene has received the Dwaine Nelson Teaching award for excellence in Applied Instruction at the U of S department of Music, a Distinguished Service Award at the International Music Camp and a YWCA Women of Distinction Award.

As with all musicians, Arlene has many employers to keep her busy. Among them are:

University of Saskatchewan: Horn Instructor

Saskatoon Symphony Orchestra, Second Horn

National Arts Centre: Music Alive Program, Teaching Artist and Administrator of the Band Intensive Program

Administrative Assistant: North Saskatchewan Wind Symphony

International Music Camp: Horn instructor as well as playing in the International Brass Quintet  
Musicraft Instrument Repair

Arlene also plays with:

Gala Trio with Gaye-Lynn Kern, Soprano and Audrey Bayduza, Keyboards

Prairie Winds Woodwind Quintet

Collaborative Pianists Cole Knutson and Jaya Hoy (Barefoot at the Beach concert series)

A variety of Brass Quintets in Saskatoon

Arlene was the Calliope Player for the Western Development Museum. Canada's only operational Steam Calliope for 33 years until its retirement in 2017.

Arlene is married to Lee Springett. They have one spoiled cat, 8 horns and a very cherished vintage Corvette.