

Gabe McVarish (fiddle) Originally hailing from California's Sacramento Valley, Gabe McVarish was twice winner of the Junior US National Scottish Fiddle Championship before returning back to his ancestral homeland of Arisaig in the West Highlands in the mid-nineties. His playing in Europe, the Americas, and as far afield as North Africa has earned him the reputation of being one of the hottest tickets in the fiddling world. Having earned his BA in traditional music at Glasgow's Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama, Gabe has played and recorded with a rich diversity of bands including Clár, The Black Rose Ceilidh Band, Fiddlers 5, Kathleen MacInnes, and Ewan Robertson. Gabe plays regularly with Dannsa, and is one of the founding members of the sensational Gaelic band Dáimh and is much sought after for dances on the West Coast and the Islands. More recently Gabe has recorded his long-awaited solo album *Election* which was released on Greentrax in June 2010.