

**Mary Briere, (Trotchie). (1911-1982):
Fiddler's Hall of Fame Member**

Metis fiddler Mary Briere was born at Whitewater, Montana, the daughter of Gregory and Alphonsine Mary Briere. Mary showed an interest in fiddling from a young age and was taught by her father and uncles, Alec and Sam Allery. She also listened to Canadian Metis fiddlers, Andy Desjarlis and Ned Landry on the radio. She toured as a performer with the Cecil Nichols' Hawaiian Show where she was featured as a dancer and as the "Ukulele Queen."

Mary began competing in fiddle contests in the 1950s and took many honours over the next thirty years, such as the Northwest Regional Fiddle Championship in 1969 (first place, Women's Division), the National Fiddle Contest in 1969 (first place, Women's Division). With this later win she was elected to the Fiddler's Hall of Fame in Weiser, Idaho.



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