Born in central London, Robin attended Dulwich College as a music scholar. After teaching and travelling in India he went to the University of Bristol, where he gained a degree in Historical Studies. Consecutive full scholarships to Trinity College of Music then enabled him to study the violin with Diana Cummings and Simon Blendis, and he was awarded a Postgraduate Diploma, followed by an Advanced Postgraduate Diploma with Distinction.

Following a happy year in Chile with the Santiago Philharmonic Orchestra, Robin returned to London and worked as a freelancer with many of the UK's leading symphony, chamber, opera and ballet orchestras before joining the BBC Concert Orchestra, his spiritual home, in November 2023. He loves the variety of work, which in the next few months includes performances with artists such as Elbow, The Pet Shop Boys and Texas for Radio 2's Piano Rooms; playing Mozart for a Radio 4 podcast; recording at Abbey Road with Guy Barker and his Big Band; a run of Puccini and Rachmaninov operas with Bryn Terfel at Grange Park Opera; Sibelius at Queen Elizabeth Hall; The Queens of Soul in Valletta, Malta; and several BBC Proms at the Royal Albert Hall including concerts celebrating the music of Sarah Vaughan and Henry Mancini.

Away from the violin, Robin is a keen cook, enjoys exploring beaches, woods, museums and art galleries with Emma and their two boys, and is easily persuaded to play football, cricket and board games!