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The Newsletter of the Bellingham Music Club

From the President

September 3, 2014

The State of Our Bellingham Music Club

The BMC mission is to foster music appreciation in the community; and during this past year we have taken that mission to a whole new level. The high school awards have been expanded to FOUR separate competitions, in addition to the WWU awards. Combined, a total of \$5,000 is awarded to these talented young musicians.

Last fall we realized that we needed to reach out to the community with the evening concert series, NIGHT BEAT. These evening performances allowed us to expand our audience demographics and to gain greater visibility within Bellingham. The Firehouse concerts proved to be an overwhelming success with mostly a SOLD OUT house!!

Plus, the Centennial project continues to advance with plans well in place. So many of our resourceful members have volunteered for assignments that will make this event year a huge celebratory acknowledgement of the amazing BMC music students. More than a dozen award winners have accepted our invitation to perform at the GALA CONCERT in June or during our Centennial season!!

Next Month

Come early on October 1: our hostess extraordinaire Barb DeFreytas will have coffee and nibbles ready at 9:30 am. Mingle and get your handbook! We also invite all our Centennial Fund donors to sign our calendar.

Then, at **10:30 am**, our Wednesday morning concert features a **Broadway Cabaret** extravaganza produced by Martha Benedict and Kathy Murray, with musical director Scott Henderson at the helm. You will recognize the four lead performers who were all featured in the recent Musical Birthday Bash Revue of the Bellingham Theatre Guild. Free and open to the public; invite friends to come along!

Plan on attending the Night Beat **Broadway Cabaret** show at the Firehouse on Thursday, October 2 at 7:30. Special guests will join the cast for the full-length program. Tickets are \$15 on sale at Village Books, Piper Music, and on our website bellinghammusicclub.org Seating will be limited. Get your tickets early.

The website for the music club has undergone a major makeover with much more content and constant updating of events. Two documentary films about the BMC are also on the website. Thanks to the technical writing class at WWU for partnering with the BMC to bring us up-to-date in the communications business. They also created the films.

Be sure to visit our website to see all of the latest.

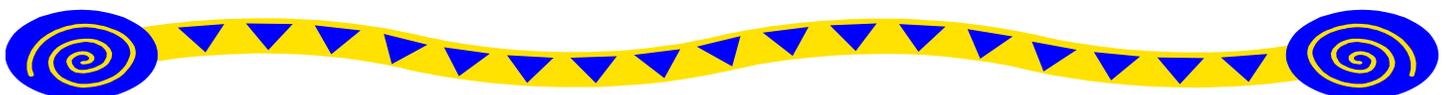
YOU have made all of these things possible. Your generous support and your faith and goodwill has allowed your BMC to grow in audience membership and to reach out and create additional music awards as never before. THANK YOU !!!

And a mega THANK YOU to Isabelle Cormier for an amazing four years of leadership. She has been a visionary leader always thinking to make the BMC even better.

I hope to continue to keep these projects and programs a success and invite you to be a partner in all of these plans and commitments too.

Your President,

For more information about the BMC, visit our website bellinghammusicclub.org or call (360) 306-8580



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Thank you as well to General Electric and Mobil Oil for their gift matching programs. (as of August 20, 2014)



Board Notes

Thank you to Mary Jo Lewis, Isabelle Cormier, Will Ellender, Richard Howland and Charlie Way who put the August mailing together; you're the best!

Of course, dues are due. Please see Membership Chair **Will Ellender** and Treasurer **Charlie Way** in the lobby to join the BMC or renew your membership (a mere \$25 per year!). Where else can you find so much entertainment and know that you are also benefiting the future of talented youth? Those who are paid up by September 15 will be listed in the handbook.

We extend a warm welcome to new members: Dixie Evans, John and Kathryn Whitmer, Bob and Lois Nicoll, and **are grateful** to Iris Reynolds, Monica Powell, Mary Jane Vetter and John and Margaret Wolf who join the volunteer corps.

Can't think of a better time to thank Joan Biasini, Bob & Wilma Bryant, Nancy Bussard, Don Ernest, Alan Kemble, Eleanor Mischaikow, Don Pilcher, Iris Reynolds, Randy Sasnett and Mark Schlichting for their generous donations to our **Student Awards Fund**. We will be able to encourage young musicians and give away \$5,000 in prizes thanks to their ongoing support. Thank you also to Jim and Addis Chapman Hélène Minari for their **gifts to the General Fund**; those amounts go to produce the free Wednesday morning concerts, as well as BMC operations.

We also want to recognize the **Centennial Fund** donors. Thanks to them, we are close (very close!) to reaching our goal of collecting \$10,000 from individuals. Every dollar counts! Have you signed our Centennial Calendar yet? Pick a year that is special to you and become part of our history!

Upcoming Events

The Whatcom Symphony Orchestra season debut features music by Bach, Mozart, and the influential Baroque master Heinrich Ignaz Franz Biber. WSO concertmaster Grant Donnellan will be joined by his brother Glenn, of the National Symphony Orchestra, to perform the Bach Double Violin Concerto. This evening of sublime string music takes place at the Mount Baker Theatre on **Friday, September 5 at 7:00 p.m.** Reserve your seats by calling the MBT ticket office at 360-734-6080.

The Lynden Music Festival will take place from October 8 through 12, but a fundraiser to benefit the Festival is on September 19 at the newly renovated Dutch Village Mall from 6 to 9 p.m. There will be wine tasting, appetizers, music and chocolates - should be fun! Please contact Tehri Miikki-Broersma at tehrimiikkib@yahoo.com or 510-0654 for reservations (limited to 100 people). \$25 per person.

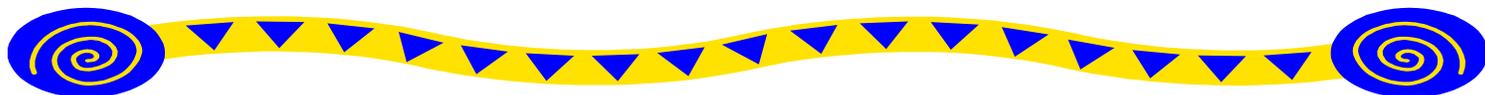


Complimentary Tickets

Did you fill out your entry stub?

One of the world's most spectacular events, Handa Opera on Sydney Harbour, is returning to cinema screens with a modern retelling of Puccini's tale of love and honor, **Madama Butterfly**. For a third year, opera will be presented on the magnificent water stage, suspended over the harbor against a backdrop of the Sydney Opera House and the Harbour Bridge. This outdoor spectacle includes a giant sun and moon – both 12 meters wide – which will rise from the water to hang above the stage where Japanese soprano Hiromi Omura will portray tragic Cio-Cio San with her co-star Georgy Vasiliev in the role of Pinkerton.

At the **LimeLight Pickford Film Center, Thursday, September 18, at 7 pm. \$20/\$16 members.** Again, the BMC extends heartfelt thanks to **PFC Program Director, Michael Falter**, who is offering complimentary tickets for a fourth year!





BIOGRAPHIES



Violinist Grant Donnellan holds a MMus degree and Performance Certificate from Yale School of Music, and a BMus in Performance from Oberlin Conservatory. Grant has been a guest artist at the Olympic Music Festival, the Governor's Recital Series, Bellingham Festival of Music, Wintergreen Music Festival, Cascadia Spring Music Festival, the Boulder Bach Society and the Holzhausen Music Festival in Germany; he is active throughout the Northwest as a string clinician, recitalist and chamber musician. He is currently Professor of violin at WWU (where he also directs a summer Chamber Music Institute); Music Director for the North Sound Youth Symphony and Concertmaster of the Whatcom Symphony Orchestra. Grant also plays with the Bellingham Festival of Music Orchestra.



Violinist Glenn Donnellan studied at the University of Minnesota under Almita and Roland Vamos and was a member of its Graduate String Quartet. He worked as a professional freelance musician in the Twin Cities until joining the National Symphony Orchestra in 1997. Mr. Donnellan's primary outreach activity is through the NSO programs; he gives nearly 100 performances throughout the DC public schools each year, and presents performances for young audiences in the Kennedy Center Family Theater and other venues. Glenn honors his Norwegian heritage by playing the Hardanger fiddle and his love for baseball by playing the electric slugger.



Pianist Judith Widrig is a native of Syracuse, N.Y. She received a doctorate in piano from the University of Colorado in May of 2000, and holds piano performance degrees from The Hartt School of Music and The University of Minnesota. Judith is active in the Northwest as a solo and chamber musician and is a founding member of the Bellingham Chamber Players. She frequently performs with faculty from the WWU Music Department and has played with orchestras on both coasts, including appearances as concerto soloist with the Whatcom and Skagit Symphony Orchestras





Mary Passmore presents violinists Grant and Glenn Donnellan with pianist Judy Widrig

PROGRAM

Nocturne		Lili Boulanger
Sonata for Violin and Piano II. Blues III. Allegro	Grant Donnellan, violin Judith Widrig, piano	Maurice Ravel
La Folia		Arcangelo Corelli
Praeludium & Allegro	Glenn Donnellan, violin Judith Widrig, piano	Fritz Kreisler
Canonic Duo in G Major		Georg Phillip Telemann
Selections from "44 Duos for Two Violins"		Bela Bartok
Danny Boy		Traditional
Appalachia Waltz		Mark O'Connor
Ashokan Farewell	Grant Donnellan, violin Glenn Donnellan, violin	Jay Unger

Bellingham Music Club
Wednesday, September 3, 2014, 10:30 a.m.
Trinity Lutheran Church, 119 Texas Street, Bellingham

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