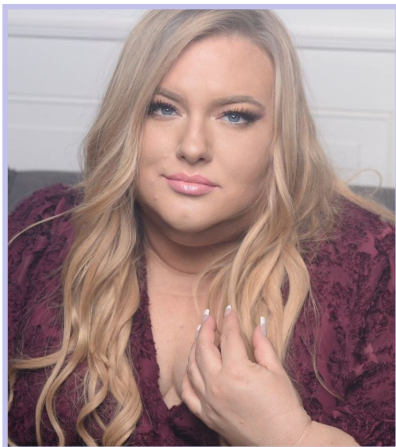




The Newsletter of the Bellingham Music Club

In the wings



We are so pleased that **Jami Templeton** agreed to coordinate this year's voice awards in honor of Jack and Ginny Frymire! Did you know that in 1996 she was awarded top prize in this very event? As a toddler, Jami was singing before she was speaking and her career path has always been clear. She studied voice at Arizona State University and the Manhattan School of Music, with breaks in between to perform. She has just returned from club and concert venues in Seattle and New York City, including the famed Mezzrow Jazz Club, known as the best place to hear live jazz in the Big Apple. Now she is happy to be back in Whatcom county where she was raised and currently teaches full time. When not teaching or performing, she's out in the wilderness with her husky-shepherd dog. Jami is grateful to the Bellingham Music Club for continuing this long tradition of voice awards!

Rollanda O'Connor, BMC President

BMC Upcoming Events

We are thrilled to welcome the internationally-acclaimed **Rastrelli Cello Quartet** back to the West Coast as it celebrates 25 years of touring Europe and North America! With a unique blend of classical works, film scores, and beloved tunes, these four Russian-born virtuoso musicians, who now live in Germany, cover a wide and exciting repertoire. Just imagine four celli, with their expansive and expressive range, soaring through excerpts from **Peer Gynt**, Piazzolla's **Oblivion and Libertango**, and themes from **The Mission**, **Pirates of the Caribbean**, **Breakfast at Tiffany's** and **The Pink Panther!!!** And then, gems and hits by **Duke Ellington** and **The Beatles!** Join us on **Sunday, April 6, 3pm** at the gorgeous **Heiner Center on Whatcom Community College** campus. This is one concert not to miss! Beat the line and buy your tickets today in the lobby! Or get them at Village Books in Fairhaven, or online on bellinghammusicclub.org.

Masterclass with cellist Kira Kraftzoff: BMC invites you to hear talented young string players work with Kira Kraftzoff, the artistic director and founder of the Rastrelli Cello Quartet.

Monday, April 7, starting at 2:30pm at Trinity Lutheran Church. Free and open to all.

On **Sunday, April 13**, join us to hear the candidates for the **Virginia Glover Awards** at WWU. We will hear those very fine students who have chosen music as a career. All are welcome to drop in for exceptional performances starting at **11am in the PAC Concert Hall**. Free.

We look forward to seeing you at our next daytime program on **Wednesday, May 7, 10:30am**, at **Trinity Lutheran Church** when winners of the **WWU Virginia Glover Awards** perform for us!

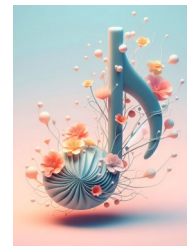
"The Best of..."
Rastrelli Cello Quartet
 Movie Scores - Classical Favorites - Rock Song Book

Sunday, April 6, 3pm
WCC Heiner Center
 Tickets at Village Books Fairhaven, online and at the door. Students Free.
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"To foster and encourage the development of music appreciation and performance in the community"

Board Notes

BMC welcomes Jack Champagne and David Feingold among its newest supporters, and thanks Mary McFarland and Margaret Pate for their gifts in memory of Clyde Hiss. They join 235 donors this year who believe in BMC endeavors. Donations in any amount are deeply appreciated. Talk to us about sponsoring a concert, the whole season, special events, or a specific student award.



On the calendar



Seattle Youth Symphony Orchestra comes to WWU PAC on **Saturday, April 5 at 3pm.** The program includes Dvořák's Cello Concerto with soloist James Lee, and Mahler's Symphony no. 5 in C sharp Minor. The concert is free but you must reserve a seat. Go to syso.org/concerts/ and scroll down to find "Youth Symphony Orchestra Run-Out Concert." Hit the RSVP button, and you're there!!!

The Bellingham Festival of Music's annual Dinner & Live Auction is this **Saturday, April 5** starting with cocktails and silent auction at 6:00pm at the Bellingham Golf and Country Club. More information on bellinghamfestival.org.



North Cascades Community Orchestra's spring concert celebrates "Romantic Overtures" when Nick Strobel conducts works by Emilie Mayer and Erich Korngold, Beethoven's *Egmont Overture* as well as themes inspired by *007: Through The Years*. **Thursday, April 24, 7:30 pm** at Bellingham High School, 2020 Cornwall Ave, in Bellingham. Free and family-friendly.

ABOUT BMC: Non-profit volunteer-led Bellingham Music Club supports music in the community with live performances, and encourages the next generation of musicians with its philanthropy. BMC sets the highest musical standards in all its endeavors: daytime and evening concerts, and award program.

Bellingham Music Club

Our 2024-2025 Season is...

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\$25, Individual Membership

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\$100, Silver Membership

\$250, Gold Membership

\$500, Platinum Membership

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Winners of Bellingham Music Club High School
Piano Awards in honor of Nancy Bussard
Voice Awards in honor of Jack and Ginny Frymire
String Awards in honor of Ethel Crook

Pregúntale a las Estrellas
The Cherry Tree

Julietta Sophia Herrera, mezzo-soprano
Jessica Schlichting, piano

Traditional arr. Edward Kilenyi
Cecil Armstrong Gibbs

Intermezzo in E-flat minor Op. 118 No. 6

Aubrielle Blum, piano

Johannes Brahms

Let Us Garlands Bring, Op. 18 (No. 5: It was a Lover and his Lass)
Ici-bas!, Op. 8, No. 3

Collin Pringle, baritone
Jessica Schlichting, piano

Gerald Finzi
Gabriel Fauré

Overture in the French Style BWV 831 ("VIII. Echo")
Skazki ("Fairy Tale") in B-flat minor, Op. 20, No. 1
Skazki ("Fairy Tale") in E-flat major, Op. 26, No. 2

Elsa Jonson, piano

Johann Sebastian Bach
Nikolai Medtner

Märchenbilder ("Fairy Tale Pictures") for viola and piano, Op. 113
1. Nicht schnell

Declan Hong, viola
Emily Gantt, piano

Robert Schumann

6 Reminiscences from Mountain and Fjord, Op. 44 (No. 2: Johanne)
"Deh vieni, non tardar" from *Le nozze di Figaro*, K. 492

Calli Sim, soprano
Jessica Schlichting, piano

Edvard Grieg
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Prelude and Fugue in B minor, BWV 893
Années de pèlerinage ("Years of Pilgrimage") II, S. 161,
No. 5: Sonetto 104 del Petrarca

Maria Horja, piano

Johann Sebastian Bach
Franz Liszt

Amarilli, mia bella
Twelve Poems of Emily Dickinson
No. 3: Why Do They Shut Me Out of Heaven?

Maria Rosalinda Rombaoa, soprano
Lorraine Earle, piano

Giulio Caccini
Aaron Copland

Prelude in D minor, Op. 23, No. 3
Prelude in C minor, Op. 23, No. 7

Declan Hong, piano

Sergei Rachmaninoff

BMC High School Piano Awards in honor of Nancy Bussard

First Place (\$450): Declan Hong a 9th-grader, studies piano with Dr. Judith Widrig. He also plays viola, and oboe. He loves composing, arranging, and playing chamber music. In 2021, Declan's Symphony No. 1, written when he was 10 years old, was performed by the Fidalgo Youth Symphony. In his free time, Declan can be found playing golf and besting his brother on NBA knowledge.

Second Place (\$350): Maria Horja, an 11th grade student at Sehome High School, performed with the Bellingham Symphony Orchestra in February as the winner of the concert competition. Since 2017, she studies with Dr. Judith Widrig. She has won numerous piano competitions in Bellingham, Seattle, and Bellevue. She is the concertmaster of her school Chamber Orchestra, plays varsity tennis, and speaks three languages.

Third Place (\$250): Elsa Jonson is a junior in the WCC Running Start program, having studied piano for many years under the guidance of Kagari Tanabe and Dr. Kay Zavislak. Elsa also plays violin and is involved in a variety of local music groups including Bellingham Symphony Orchestra and Bellingham Youth Chamber Players. She recently won awards from WSMTA, BMC Strings, and BSO. Music is woven throughout her life.

Robert Millard Prize (\$100): Aubrielle Blum started violin lessons at age 4, and piano at 6. She sings with Seattle Children's Arioso and Camerata choirs; she has played flute in the Bellingham High School marching band, North Sound Youth Symphony, and Bellingham Youth Chamber Players, and participates in WWU Chamber Days on flute and piano. She currently studies piano with Dr. Kay Zavislak.

BMC High School Voice Awards in honor of Jack and Ginny Frymire

First Place (\$450): Maria Rosalinda Rombaoa recently moved from Santa Maria, CA, and is now a senior at Bellingham High School. She started singing and accompanying her church choir when she was 9 years old, and also played flute in her school concert/marching band. She considers singing a source of comfort, joy and inspiration. She currently takes voice lessons with Jami Templeton.

Second Place (\$350): Calli Sim is in 11th grade at Ferndale High School. She has participated in musical theater and choir since she was 8 years old. She is passionate about music and is grateful to voice teacher, Jami Templeton, for expanding her knowledge and experience through beautiful musical works. She is thrilled to share her love of singing with a new audience.

Third Place (\$250): Collin Pringle began studying piano as a young child, played cello in middle school and into his first year of high school, and started voice lessons with Jami Templeton in 2022. He currently sings in three choirs at Ferndale High School, and played leading and ensemble roles in many musical theater shows. He plans to study Vocal Performance and Choral Education in college.

Evelyn Ames Prize (\$100): Julietta Sophia Herrera, a junior at Sehome High School, started piano lessons when she was 8 or 9 years old. She has always loved making music with family and feels that performing with her school choir under the guidance of Vanessa Katz has given her the confidence to sing for a wider audience.

BMC High School String Awards in honor of Ethel Crook

Second Place (\$350): Declan Hong studies viola with Lisa Humphrey.

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BMC H.S. Piano Awards

Adjudicator Stephanie Bethea with winners Declan Hong, Maria Horja, Elsa Jonson, and Aubrielle Blum.

BMC H.S. Voice Awards winners Julietta Sophia Herrera,

Collin Pringle, Calli Sim, and Maria Rosalinda Rombaoa with adjudicator Joy Dorsch and award coordinator Jami Templeton.

BMC thanks award coordinators Celie Thomas, Jami Templeton, Mark Schlichting, and adjudicators Stephanie Bethea, Joy Dorsch, and Austin Schlichting, for their help, inspiration and work in support of young musicians.