

# Bellingham Music Club

November, 2011

Dear Whatcom County Musician and Music Teacher,

The Bellingham Music Club is announcing the 2012 competition for the *Nicholas Bussard Instrumental Awards* of \$400, \$300, and \$200 for high school students residing in Whatcom County. An application form and a copy of the guidelines are on the following pages, both of which may be duplicated. We suggest you encourage your interested students to perform selections which show his or her present abilities and competency. However, please limit the number of your recommended students to at most three.

Auditions will be held on Monday, February 27, 2012 at Trinity Lutheran Church, 119 Texas Street, from 5:00pm to 8:30pm. The recipients of the Nicholas Bussard Instrumental Awards will be announced at the end of these auditions, and the recipients will perform for The Bellingham Music Club at their 10:30 a.m. program on Wednesday, March 7, 2012 at Trinity Lutheran Church. There will also be monetary awards presented at that time, in the name of Ethel Crook (for the best string player) and Martin Kuuskmann (for the best wind player).

Emphasize to your student(s) the need to return the completed application and a brief bio, as well as the \$15 fee as soon as possible, but no later than February 1, 2012. This is necessary to schedule specific audition times. Remind them to provide an accompanist if needed.

Thank you for your cooperation. Please feel free to contact me if you have questions.

Best regards,

*Sherrie Kahn*

Awards Committee,  
The Bellingham Music Club

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## Audition Guidelines for the Nicholas Bussard Instrumental Awards

Date: Monday evening, February 27, 2012 starting 5:00pm

Place: Trinity Lutheran Church, 119 Texas St.

Application Deadline: Applications must be *postmarked* on/before **February 1, 2012**

### Auditions:

Music should be memorized and reflect and display your present abilities and competency. Limit performing time to between 5 and 10 minutes.

Provide a copy of your music for the adjudicator (at the time of the audition.)

Provide a prepared and reliable piano accompanist if needed.

Should you be a winner of an award, be prepared to perform at the Wednesday, March 7, 2012 BMC program at Trinity Lutheran Church at 10:30 a.m. Awards of \$400 for first place, \$300 for second place, and \$200 and third place, will be presented at that concert. There will also be monetary awards of \$100 presented at that time, in the name of Ethel Crook (for the best string player) and Martin Kuuskmann (for the best wind player).

Invite any of your family and friends to come to the Saturday, March 20 auditions as an audience member. Award winners will be announced about 15 minutes after the end of the competition.

If you have any questions, call Sherrie Kahn, (360) 756-6141 (home).

Mail your completed applications, a brief bio and a check for the \$15 registration fee, made out to "The Bellingham Music Club", *before February 1, 2012* to:

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In the event that the adjudicator announces a tie, the winners will share two or more of the awards. For example, if two participants tie for first place, then there will be no second place, and the two winners share the \$400 and \$300 awards equally. However, the \$100 Crook award and/or the \$100 Kuuskmann Award winners might be separate from the winners of the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place awards.

# **Nicholas Bussard Instrumental Scholarship Auditions**

*Presented by the Bellingham Music Club on Monday, February 27, 2012  
in the sanctuary of Trinity Lutheran Church, 119 Texas St.*

## **Application**

*(To be returned with the \$15 application fee by February 1, 2012.)*

STUDENT NAME \_\_\_\_\_

COMPLETE ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE AND ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF MUSIC TEACHER \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF ACCOMPANIST \_\_\_\_\_

INSTRUMENT \_\_\_\_\_ SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_

1. Composition and composer

2. Composition and composer [most will play only one piece]

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and the \$15 application fee to:  
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