



Musically Speaking

The Newsletter of the Bellingham Music Club

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Faith Lutheran Church

TODAY'S ARTISTS

Presented by Carolyn Wilhite

WINNERS OF THE 2007

Western Washington University Awards

\$500	1 st place	Justin Lee, flute
\$300	2 nd place	Gavin Hayes, baritone
\$150	3 rd place	Lisa Doubet, violin

Again, we are privileged to showcase three outstanding Music majors from Western. May their careers follow in the path of our many earlier recipients! Special thanks to Mary Kay Robinson who was the adjudicator.

Thank you, Clyde Hiss, for last month's introduction to Millie Johnson and the Mentshn, with their Chamber Klezmer music of Yiddish folk tunes and traditional music of Russian, the Ukraine and Israel. It was rousing, educational, and the musicians were impeccable. They have become a "hot ticket" in Bellingham, and you saw their new program here first!

Next month's program by high school recipients of the Nicholas Bussard Instrumental Awards and the Lena Montgomery Vocal Awards will convince you that we are investing our money in the right places. John Reay had 16 participants with instruments ranging from saxophone, drums, guitar, violin, viola, cello and harp. Isabelle Cormier squeezed in 13 vocal aspirants! You will hear the winners at our next performance on June 6th. We commend adjudicators Christopher Bianco and Jack Frymire for their excellent (and yes, exhausting!) work. Colette, Isabelle and

Jack supplied cookies, apple juice and coffee to keep tensions under control, and Dorothy Wachter was the most graceful traffic cop! Again, Jack saved the day by becoming a last-minute replacement for an ill adjudicator! Both he and Dorothy deserve honorary rolls of Lifesavers!

April's Spring Tea with its gorgeous tulips and delectable goodies chased the clouds away! Thank you, Kristin, Hank, Virginia and Randy and all those who brought cookies and other delicacies, and volunteered behind the scene (including washing the dishes!).

Welcome to our newest members, Beth Sizer and Francine G. Hoch.

In April, President Millard presented an Honorary Membership certificate to Pat Hite, and delivered theirs to Hazel Brown, Peggy French and Verdie Watson.

Last chance! Only one more meeting left to submit address changes, corrected spelling and e-mails to Will Ellender or Lynn Bellinger. We are working on next season's handbook!

Next season's dues (still \$20) can be paid today or in June. See Will Ellender at the Membership table.

Do you like being reminded about each program? Phyllis Haberstroh and President Millard would like to acknowledge the Telephone Committee members: Maureen Burr, Jollefern Cole, Frank De Freytas, Pat Hite, Clyde Hiss, Isabelle Cormier, Kristin Van Schelt, Carolyn Wilhite, Monica Powell, Florence Stuen, Dorothy Wachter, Frances LeCocq, and Gwen Minkler. Want to be a caller for next year? Pick up a form as you leave today and get aboard! Or call Phyllis Haberstroh and give her the good news!

Many thanks to Thea Mancha for her contribution of \$100 in memory of Andrew Moquin's wife, Kay.

We extend our condolences to Shifra Miller on the recent death of her husband.

We're planning to hold our September 5th meeting at the Mt. Baker Theatre for a brief concert of organ music on the famous Wurlitzer by a master organist from Olympia, PLUS a 20-minute silent movie with organ accompaniment and its bells and whistles! Vernon Greenstreet, one of Bellingham's own organist and a BMC member as well as an Organ Society member, is excited about this joint effort with the Organ Society and is assisting in making it happen.

Next season's program as well as parking options for Mt. Baker Theatre will be sent in the mail in August. Return envelopes will be included for payments of dues.

To plagiarize Hillary Clinton, "it takes a village to bring you top-notch programs each month". We want to say "thank you" to Patricia Hiss for her nametag calligraphy, her design and production of certificates, posters, and publicity material; to Carolyn Wilhite for today's bios and programs; to Maureen Burr for laying out (and collecting!) our nametags; to Faith Lutheran Church for providing this gracious venue; to all the officers and committee workers who make us the most successful Music Club in the State of Washington; and to you!

Pick up a supply of our brochures to pass out to friends and organizations.

When you go to the library or the grocery, pick up a free copy of the glossy "Entertainment News" for the month of May. Great Stuff!

The Italian Cultural Institute of Vancouver is sponsoring a concert featuring Italian male soprano Angelo Manzotti; he will perform works of Handel and Rossini at St. Paul Anglican Church (corner of Jervis and Pendrell) at 6 p.m. on Thursday May 3rd. Reception will follow with free food and wine! You must call 604-688-0809 ext. 23 or e-mail iicvancouver@esteri.it Seating is limited but still available.

Virginia Addis invites you to a "Celebration of Life" of Dan Addis on Saturday, May 26, at 2:00 p.m. at their home at 1040 Piedmont Place. Jack, Clyde or Will can help you with directions.

Western Washington University Music Awardees

Lisa Doubet, Violin, Third Place
Jennifer Sours, Accompanist

Salut d'Amour

Edward Elgar

Rondo, Sonata No. 1 in D Major

Beethoven

Gavin Hayes, Baritone, Second Place
Erin Smith, Accompanist

Song Cycle: *Let Us Garlands Bring*

Gerald Finzi

- 1) Come Away, Come Away, Death
- 2) Who Is Sylvia
- 3) Fear No More the Heat o' The Sun
- 4) O Mistress Mine
- 5) It Was A Lover and His Lass

Justin Lee, Flute, First Place
Katie Dale, Accompanist

Partita in A minor for flute, Allemande

J. S. Bach

Sonata for Flute and Piano
Allegro malinconico
Cantilena
Presto giocoso

F. Poulenc

Third Place Winner, \$150

Lisa Doubet grew up in Ferndale and began violin studies at age seven. During high school she performed with the Greater New Haven Youth Orchestra, the Seattle Youth Symphony, the Marrostone Festival Orchestra and the All-State Orchestra. As valedictorian of her high school, Lisa received numerous music and academic scholarships. At WWU Lisa is majoring in music performance and studies with Walter Schwede. With her strong interest in violin pedagogy, she currently teaches nine private students. Aside from playing the violin, Lisa enjoys writing, running and mountaineering but music will always be an important role in her life.

Second Place Winner, \$300

Gavin Hayes, will graduate in June with a double major degree in vocal performance and music education and has studied voice privately with Dr. David Meyer since the fall of 2003. Over the years at Western, Gavin has performed the operatic roles of Frank in *Die Fledermaus*, Sam in *Trouble in Tahiti*, and recently Gianne Schicchi and Betto di Signa in *Gianni Schicchi*. In the Concert Choir, he has served as section leader and three years as a choir board member. Gavin also sings in the Chamber Ensemble. After graduation, Gavin plans to “dabble” in conducting, teaching and performing for three years before pursuing graduate studies. In his spare time, he enjoys skiing, jogging, reading and spending time with friends and family.

First Place Winner, \$500

Justin Lee, a fourth year student at WWU, graduating this spring with a BA. in music performance. Justin grew up in Burlington but had no formal music training until he attended WWU, first in saxophone followed by clarinet and then flute. He is the principle flutist in the WWU Orchestra and principle clarinetist in the WWU Wind Symphony. Justin won the WWU Concerto competition and will be featured in May performing the Nielsen Flute Concerto with the orchestra. He has received the Dorothy Kirk-Westman Scholarship, the SJMEA Music Scholarship and the John Philip Sousa Award and in 2006 was awarded the WSO Scholarship Piccolo and was the featured soloist last Sunday for the WSO Children’s Concert. Justin is a student of Lisa McCarthy and plans to begin a master’s program in flute performance at the University of Washington in the fall.