

The Bellingham Music Club
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The Newsletter of the Bellingham Music Club
Dorothy Wachter, Editor Emerita

Special points of interest:

- The many talents of our guest
- A bassoonist's busy life
- Freebies for you!
- A hint for great pictures
- Coming events

First come, first served!

The Frymire's are pruning their CD collection to make room for new additions. 20 CDs, all in good condition, are being discarded. Items include Toscanini and Horowitz, Yehudi Menuhin, "The Best of Burt Bacharach," Josh Groban, the Mahler 2nd Symphony, a Korngold rarity, etc. The CDs are on a table in the foyer; help yourselves!

Holiday Concert

Join us on December 5
at 10:30 a.m.
to hear the
Bellingham Recorder Players
directed by
Patricia Hawkins Hiss

Today's Artist **Victoria Ebel-Sabo**
Presented by Arthur Barnes

Victoria and her husband Dan are already well-known to our music community as a duo-piano team. Their ongoing Bellingham House Concerts series (Victoria's brain-child) has added a new dimension of intimacy coupled with excellence to the classical music scene hereabouts. Local artists perform on exceptional instruments in comfortable homes or the Firehouse Performing Arts Center in Fairhaven.

Today, we will be treated to another facet of her talent, as she performs a program of her own compositions. Her choral anthems for children, published by such prestigious houses as Boosey & Hawkes and Shawnee Press, are staples of state music festivals across America; three collections of intermediate piano pieces, "Micro Musings," "More Micro Musings" and "Still More Micro Musings," are included in the popular series entitled PIANOATIONS, published by Willis.

Victoria's formal musical education culminated in four years of study in Paris and Brussels. She and Dan frequently performed Olivier Messiaën's "Visions de l'Amen," leading to their study with legendary pianist Yvonne Loriod-Messiaën. While in Europe, the Sabos also studied the duo-piano repertoire at the Royal Conservatory of Music in Brussels. Incidentally, they have just released a new CD of four-hand music.

In collaboration with her sister and brother-in-law, artistic and executive directors of the Boulder Ballet of Colorado, Victoria has composed a 45-minute ballet, "Josephina's Story," for that company. Today she will perform excerpts from the "Bug Ballet Suite" and a new ballet, "Mary Poppins," which will be staged next spring.

Besides being a composer, pianist and teacher, Victoria (b. 1957) is an avid outdoors woman; she was raised on a cattle ranch high in the Rockies, and she and Dan have climbed ("summitted") all 54 Colorado peaks over 14,000 feet, not to mention Mts. Baker, Rainier, Shuksan and Glacier Peak since their move to Bellingham in 2002.

Martin Kuuskmann delights record crowd!

World-famous bassoonist Martin Kuuskmann blew in from Vienna just in time to dazzle a 160-plus BMC audience on October 3rd. His sovereign virtuosity was belied by unassuming friendliness and charm, as he announced and commented on a varied program ranging from cutting-edge pieces to transcriptions of romantic favorites by Massenet and Rachmaninov. His friend and accompanist, Terhi Mikki-Boersma, is a professional organist and choirmaster, as well as a bassoonist in her own right (you may have noticed her in the WSO). Martin's wife gave birth to a baby boy, Oscar, the day after our program, which was mighty considerate of her!

Program

*Original Piano
Compositions by
Victoria Ebel-
Sabo*

Time with you

Three Preludes

**Selections from the
"Bug Ballet
Suite"**

**Selections from
the new ballet
"Mary Poppins"**

On the Verge



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and development of musical
appreciation and performance in the
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Thank you to Social Chair Kristin Van Schelt for a spectacular Autumn Tea! What a gracious hostess she is; the table was a delight to look at with pretty seasonal colors and plentiful treats! Thank you also to the whole crew of bakers and sweepers who helped make this Tea so successful, particularly Virginia Glover and Randy Sasnett!

Welcome (or welcome back!) to the BMC: Jessie Carrasco, Jeane Cheverton, June Crinkley, Barbara and Frank DeFreytas, F.R. and JoAnne Feringer, William and Janet Franks, Shirley Gillespie, Wenty Hill, Aly Johnson, Susan Johnson, Carol Hitz, Janel Weiss Maurer, Robert McDonnell, Mary Margaret Montag, Jeannie Mitchell, James and Judith Orvik, Linda Scott, Fern Singer, Alta Stauffer, Pat Sterrett, Marie Wilhem, Ken Wilson, and Mary Lee Wisser. **Thank you; your membership dues help support our programs and awards!**

Corrections: Please note the following changes in the handbook: David and Madeleine Baines, Jeannine Olivier, Lorraine Zimmerman.

Thank you, Dorothy Wachter, for inspiring scores of BMC members and guests with your witty newsletter; what a marvelous way to keep in touch within our community! You are a tough act to follow!

Fellow BMC member Ann Chaikin has a one-woman show of her oil paintings at the Fairhaven Branch of the Whatcom Educational Credit Union at 1225 Harris Ave. Her work will be up through December. Ann enjoys exploring the visual world of everyday life. On display are her paintings of exteriors and interiors as well as a series of still lifes. The credit union has wonderful light and is a great place to see Ann's work. She invites you all to stop by to take a look.

Today, you receive an issue of the **free and glossy "Entertainment News NW,"** the premier monthly guide to arts in the region. Take it home and see all that Bellingham has to offer! The **Entertainment News NW** magazine features an informative music section between pages 35 and 40, including an article on Victoria Ebel-Sabo. The center pull-out calendar is a gem, and you will find BMC notices on pp. 21 and 30. Many thanks to **Will Ellender, our Publicity Chair**, for diligently sending material to our local media. For ENNW distribution sites, see the lists in the church lobby or visit www.ennw.info.

The family of Ethel Crook expresses sincere thanks to the many donors who honored her memory with monetary gifts to the BMC.

Thank you to Kristin and Hank Van Schelt for their generous donation to the Club.

Our newsletter received a serious dose of "Botox"! Too jazzy? Tell us what you think! Please, be courteous and **use your camera only after** the performance!

Coming Events

Swing/Jazz at the Wild Buffalo
208 W. Holly St.
Every Sunday 7:30 p.m.
No Cover

"Third Sunday at 3"
Christ the Servant Lutheran Church
2600 Lakeway Dr.
Nov. 18, 3 p.m. Free

Nice venue, sensible sound levels, all-ages crowd! First set runs from 7:30 to 8:30 followed by a half-hour "dance lesson" and another set from 9:00 to 10:00. Featured bands are: Nov. 11 **Claire McKenna Quartet**; Nov. 18 **Halleck Street Ramblers**; Nov. 25 **Big Swing Face**. Information 752-0848

Chamber music performed by the CMN Flute Ensemble, members of the WSO Chamber Music Now! (Betsy-Stuen-Walker, Grant Donnellan, Chip Bergeron, Kathy Diaz, and Lisa McCarthy), and students. The program includes Brahms' Viola Quintet and Dvorak's *Terzetto*. More information: 733-7651

Have a very Happy and Safe Thanksgiving!

The logo for the Bellingham Music Club, featuring the letters 'm' and 'bc' in a stylized, overlapping font.