



## AND THE WINNERS ARE...

**We welcome back Beth Sizer to the BMC.** Want to join and play an active role in our musical community? Stop by the membership table and see Chair Will Ellender. Also let him know of any changes or corrections in your contact information; we will publish a membership update in March.

### Condolences

We regret the recent passing of past members **William Gordon**, a kind man and brilliant scientist, and **Eve Talmage**, who delighted family and friends alike with her many talents.

The Bellingham Music Club's activities are two-fold. After a most successful Fall line-up that featured accomplished local musicians, we now celebrate promising students through our auditions and award programs. Year after year, teachers and young musicians seek out our adjudicated competitions and value the experience they provide!

*Enid Carrick High School Piano Awards* coordinator **Gail Haines** scheduled an enjoyable evening audition session just a few weeks ago, when **Celia Chandler** offered constructive comments and encouragement to talented young pianists. Among those, the four you hear today really stand out. For their potential and accomplishments, we congratulate:

**WESTERN-LI SUMMERTON, FIRST PLACE (\$400)**  
**AMY HAN, TIE - SECOND PLACE (\$250)**  
**EMILY ALLAWAY, TIE - SECOND PLACE (\$250)**  
**KENNIE BROWN, ROBERT MILLARD PRIZE (\$100)**

### We would love to see you at our upcoming auditions for:

the *Lena Montgomery H.S. Vocal Awards*, on Monday, February 13, 5-8 pm at Trinity;  
the *Nicholas Bussard H.S. Instrumental Awards*, on Monday, Feb. 27, 5-8 pm at Trinity;  
and the *Virginia Glover WWU Music Awards*, on Thursday, March 8, 12 noon to 4 pm, at the PAC Concert Hall. **Our March 7 program** will feature high school award winners followed by university-level students on April 4.

## COMPLIMENTARY TICKETS



We are grateful again to the **Pickford Film Center** for offering complimentary tickets to the Opera and Ballet in Cinema series. **On February 12 at 11 am** the PFC will present **Puccini's Il Trittico**, a gem-box collection of three brief operas, which runs the gamut from heart-wrenching drama to madcap farce. The tragic **Il Tabarro** and **Suor Angelica** are followed by the charming **Gianni Schicchi**, best known for its resplendent soprano aria, "O mio babbino caro." **Lucio Gallo, Eva-Maria Westbroek, Anja Harteros, Anna Larsson and Ekaterina Siurina** are featured throughout this very special performance from the **Royal Opera House**.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Tickets are now on sale** for *L'elisir d'amore* at the **Skagit Opera**. This lighthearted romp involves a snake oil salesman, a phony love potion, and a surprise ending—Donizetti at his best with NW stars Christina Kowalski, Marcus Shelton and Megan Chenovick. **One weekend only, February 3, 4 & 5 at McIntyre Hall**. Contact the box office to reserve your seats soon at [www.mcintyrehall.org](http://www.mcintyrehall.org) or 866-624-6897 (\$25 to \$59).

Following the recent snow storm, you may still have been house bound when **the Metropolitan Opera Live in HD** broadcast featured a new pastiche opera, "*The Enchanted Island*," with music by Handel, Vivaldi, Rameau. Written by Jeremy Sams with stellar singers **David Daniels, Joyce DiDonato and Danielle DeNiese** in mind, this out-of-this-world experience brings the heroes of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* to "*The Tempest*" Prospero's island. Encores are scheduled for February 5 at 1 pm (Lincoln Theatre), February 8 at 6:30 pm (Bellis Fair), and March 3, 1 pm and March 26, 6:30 pm (Silvercity, Richmond, B.C.). **Also coming up LIVE on Saturday, February 11 at 9 am** (all locations) is *Götterdämmerung*, the cataclysmic climax of the Ring cycle, directed by Robert Lepage, starring Deborah Voigt as Brünnhilde and Gary Lehman as Siegfried. Be brave; this is a marathon opera (6 hours - Nadal and Djokovic, take note!). To make it bearable, the Lincoln Theatre will deliver lunch at the intermission (you can pre-order when you come in). More palatable for some, Verdi's *Ernani* is presented on Saturday, February 25 at 10 am.

**Our own Jane Lund** is busy rehearsing with the **Whatcom Symphony** for two outstanding programs. **On Sunday, February 19 at 3:00 pm**, local favorite **Milica Jelača Jovanović** returns for the dramatic Prokofiev 2nd Piano Concerto. Also on the program are Borodin's enchanting overture to *Prince Igor*, and Tchaikovsky's profound Symphony #6 Pathétique. **On Saturday, March 3 at 7 pm, the 4th Chinese Culture Festival** features the WSO, WWU and WCC Choirs, the Vancouver (B.C.) Chinese Ensemble, the Shanghai Peking Opera Troupe and countless other special guests! Happy Year of the Dragon!

**WWU Music Faculty Judy Widrig (piano) and Eric Kean (viola)** perform a program of Bach, Brahms, Schubert, Messiaen and Paganini on **Friday, February 24 at 8 pm** at the WWU PAC Concert Hall. Free

**The Mount Baker Theatre Organ Society** next concert, on **Sunday February 26th at 2 pm**, features Robert Storm and family with Dorothy Watson, pianist, and Vernon Greenstreet, organist. A bill not to miss!

**Keyboard Friends Piano Concerts** present *It all started somewhere else – A program of piano transcriptions* on Sunday, March 4 at 3:00 pm at the Amadeus Project, at 1209 Cornwall Avenue with **Ford Hill, Cassandra Carr and Arthur Barnes, Andrea Rackl, Jon Mutchler, Victoria and Dan Sabo, and special guests Sandra Heinke and Leslie Johnson**. Please email [bellinghamhouseconcerts@gmail.com](mailto:bellinghamhouseconcerts@gmail.com) or call 360-671-6104 for details and reservations. \$15.00-Adults, \$12.00-Seniors, \$10.00-Students, \$5.00-Youth.

## BOARD NOTES

**The BMC Board** is most grateful for **Colin Wheatley's** generous donation to the club; Colin, a past Nicholas Bussard Award winner violist, along pianist **Cole Anderson**, offered the proceeds of their December 29 recital—a sizeable amount that goes straight into our awards fund! Thank you to all who came to enjoy this beautiful evening of music!

**The Program Committee will meet on February 8** to plan next year's season. **Chairman Clyde Hiss** welcomes your comments; see him soon with your suggestions and requests!

**This is an election year!** The Nominating Committee, headed by Historian/Parliamentarian **Colette Millard**, may approach you to sit on the Board! Of course, you can! Come and share your talent and energy in a relaxed and very fun setting! You don't know what you're missing until you get there!!!



**Special Thank You to Barb DeFreytas and her dedicated crew who put together our Anniversary Coffee Hour, and to Trinity staff, especially Ted Hinds, who makes this beautiful facility available to us.**



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*Bellingham Music Club    February 1, 2012*

*Gail Haines presents the winners of the  
Enid Carrick High School Piano Awards*

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*Etude in D sharp minor, op. 8, no. 12*

*Alexander Scriabin*

**Kennie Brown**

**Robert Millard Prize**

*Sonata in C major, Hob. XVI:50*

*Joseph Haydn*

*I. Allegro*

*Estampes, L. 100*

*Achille-Claude Debussy*

*3. Jardins sous la pluie*

**Amy Han**

**Tie – Second Place**

*Moments musicaux, op.16*

*Sergey Rachmaninoff*

*1. Andantino in B flat minor*

*Sonata no. 7, op.83, in B flat major ('War Sonata no. 2: Stalingrad')*

*Sergey Prokofiev*

*3. Precipitato*

**Emily Allaway**

**Tie – Second Place**

*Sonata No. 7 in D major, op.10,no. 3*

*Ludwig van Beethoven*

*4. Rondo: Allegro*

*Estampes, L. 100*

*Achille-Claude Debussy*

*1. Pagodes*

*Transcendental Etudes, S.139, R.26*

*Franz Liszt*

*10. Allegro agitato molto, in F minor*

**Westy Summerton**

**First Place**

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# Biographies

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**Kennie Brown** is a freshman at Sehome High School. He began music studies at six years old and is now studying piano with Dr. Judith Widrig. His mother, Shu-Ling Sun, and father, John Brown, both work in local public schools. For many years Kennie has participated in the adjudication and competition sponsored by the Bellingham Music Teachers Association, the Seattle Young Artists Music Festival and the Bach Festival. He also plays cello with his high school orchestra. Kennie's other interests include basketball, chess and reading.

**Amy Han**, a junior at Sehome High School, began studying piano with Mrs. Sue Gault at the age of five and is currently in her fifth year of lessons with Dr. Judith Widrig. Recently, Amy played the 3rd movement of the Grieg Piano Concerto in A minor with the Mount Baker Youth Symphony. She plays the violin in the symphony as well. Recently, she organized a high school ensemble that plays for Chinese festivals and other events in Bellingham. In her spare time she helps to design posters and programs for various organizations. She loves Science Olympiad, sailing and traveling with her family. Amy is considering majoring in engineering.

**Emily Allaway** is a sophomore at Bellingham High School and is currently a student of Judy Widrig. She began piano lessons at the age of six with Judy Johnson. At Bellingham High School, she performs as a pianist with the choir and will be part of the upcoming musical; she also enjoys performing chamber music. Emily also plays the cello and has been a student of Coral Marchant for three and a half years; she plays in the North Sound Youth Symphony and attended the Marrowstone Summer Music Festival in 2011. In her free time, Emily enjoys reading, traveling with her family, and ballroom dancing, as well as playing music.

**Westy Summerton** has been playing music all his life and currently studies with Judy Widrig. From keyboards to piano, music has always been one of his passions. He is currently a senior at Squalicum High School and takes an active part in extracurricular activities, as captain of the Squalicum H.S. Boys Swim & Dive Team, tenor in the Storm Singers group and President of the Squalicum H.S. Concert Choir. He hopes to pursue a career in music and make performance an essential part of his life. On a rainy day, Westy likes to lay back, play word games and listen to the velvet tones of Young the Giant.



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