

## Mission

The Wednesday Music Club promotes and expands quality musical and educational opportunities for its members, for teachers, for music lovers, and for the youth of Central Virginia through regular performances, competitions, shared group experiences, and financial support.



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## Vision

The Wednesday Music Club will foster and sustain a vibrant music climate through Central Virginia, especially among young people.

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*From the President...*



Happy Spring, friends!

As we eagerly await the burst of bulbs and blossoms, our Mission has been in full force these past two months with the WMC Competition and Winners Recital. I can't overemphasize the excitement I felt in attending both events and witnessing the talent on display by young people who competed for thousands of dollars in merit awards provided by our Club.

The Competition is a jewel in our crown as we recognize the countless hours of study, practice, saying 'no' to competing attractions—all reaching towards the goal of musical excellence.

Parents, siblings, teachers, judges, our Competition Committee and member volunteers all cheered on each student to perform his/her best. We were not disappointed!

Congratulations to the students, our superb WMC Committee, and volunteers for a job well done including Lynne Bair for obtaining publicity for our Winners Recital.

*Joyce*



## **Next WMC General Meeting**

**Wednesday, April 3, 2019**

"Meet & Greet" 10:00 a.m.      Business 10:15 a.m.

Program 10:30 a.m.

Musical Program: *Bach, Interpretation, Freedom*  
**Benjamin Rous**, conductor and violist

Please note that we will meet in the **CHAPEL** at First Presbyterian Church on Park Street.

# 2019 Competition

## February 2, 2019

There was a real buzz along with intriguing snippets of sound on the first Saturday in February as students warmed up for WMC's 2019 Competition, our annual professionally adjudicated event for music students ages 10 to 18. Scales, trills, musical phrases, refrains, and a flourish here and there filled the airwaves with beautiful sound from these rising stars. Each young person had worked very hard preparing one or two performance level pieces to vie for WMC's generous awards and the chance to perform at our Winners Recital in March.

This year over 45 talented students competed for 8 music camp scholarships in both junior and senior categories, first and second cash prizes in grades 9, 10, and 11, first and second cash prizes in grade 12, and first and second cash prizes in music composition.

The competitors played a wide variety of instruments: piano, violin, cello, harp, saxophone, and flute in the various categories.

Eight outside, professional judges divided into teams of 2 or 3 based on area of expertise to evaluate each performance, provide written notes for the student's teacher, and arrive at a consensus on the award placements. The judges are indispensable to the success of our Competition as they provide a friendly atmosphere for the students and a high degree of professionalism to the evaluations.

The WMC Competition Committee, chaired by Anna Farrell and Mary Vee Connell, worked diligently all year to prepare for the day and did an outstanding job in making the students, parents, teachers, and judges feel warmly welcomed and comfortable with a well organized event. Many of our WMC members were there to assist and enjoy listening to the students perform. All members are welcome to attend the Competition. Look for it on our calendar next year. You will be amazed at the display of young talent among us!



WMC Competition Committee: left to right  
Rosalyn Preston, Michele Carragan, Anna Farrell, Dorrit Green,  
Joyce Seibert, and Mary Ann Bournos



WMC volunteers Emily Lehman,  
Mary Ann Bournos, and Dee Zutt  
provided a delicious and nutritious  
lunch for our judges and volunteers.

Photos by Miriam Carratt

# Images of 2019 Competition



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Our professional and encouraging judges: Kate Tamarkin, Beth Cantrell, Daniel Sender, Lise Keiter, Kelly Sulick, Paulo Steinberg (not pictured: Seung-Hye Kim and Maxwell Tfirm)

# *Competition Winners Recital*

**March 3, 2019**

Performances at this year's WMC Winners Recital once again were outstanding. On a cold, rainy afternoon, the large audience of families, teachers, WMC members, and friends were awed at the talent level of pianists and other instrumentalists, ranging in age from 12 to 17. In addition to the first-place winner in the Competition Composition, who played her piano composition, other first-place winners in the Junior and Senior Divisions of the Music Camp Competition as well as in the High School and Senior Competitions played selections on piano, violin, cello, and flute. Following the recital, the audience had an opportunity to congratulate the performers at an informal reception.

A photo of the performers was taken before the recital (see next page), and CBS19 News also provided coverage. A complete list of all the Competition winners, their instruments, and their scholarships is on our website, at the [wednesdaymusicclub.org](http://wednesdaymusicclub.org).

An annual WMC highlight, the success of the 2019 Competition and Winners Recital was the result of a lot of time and energy expended by WMC volunteers — and especially by the Competition Committee of Anna Farrell, Michele Carrigan, Dorrit Green, Rosalyn Preston, Mary Ann Bournos, and Leslie Wilcox. Kudos to all!



Photo by Miriam Carratt

## *2018-19 Grants Initiative Recipients*

WMC recognized the 2018-19 recipients of the Grants Initiative at the 2019 Winners Recital on March 3. A number of the recipients attended the recital (see photo). This year, the Grants Initiative Committee — Mary Vee Connell, Ruth Barolsky, Kirk Dunklee, and Corky Sablinsky — awarded \$15,000 from the Robert W. Smith, Jr. Fund to school music and band programs in Charlottesville City as well as Albemarle, Fluvanna, Greene, Louisa, Nelson, and Orange Counties. The schools include:

Agnor Hurt Elementary School (Marc Barron, Music Teacher), recorder packages  
Buford Middle School (Mike Allen, Director of Bands), clarinets  
Crozet and Red Hill Elementary Schools (Tracy Brown, Music Specialist), Orff instruments  
Fluvanna County School (Horace Scruggs, Choral Music Instructor), guitar & drums; and  
(Michael Strickler, Band Director), percussion instruments  
Jack Jouett & Sutherland Middle Schools (Carrie Finnegan, Orchestra Director), digital pianos  
Louisa County Middle School (Kathy Allen, Instrumental Music Director), clarinets  
Nathanael Greene Primary School (Abigail Smith, General Music Teacher), ukuleles  
Orange County High School (Thomas Dixon, Choral Director), ensemble residency in Italy  
Rockfish River Elementary School (Morgan Robertson, Music Educator), Quaver license  
Tye River Elementary School (Jamie Ryder, Music Teacher), Suzuki tone chimes  
Walker Upper Elementary School (Susan Allen, Band Director), horns; and  
(Robert Dunnenberger, Jazz Band Director), marimba  
William Monroe Middle School (Matthew Gozzard, Band Dir.), technical music equipment, and  
software; and (Melissa Hansen, Choral/Theater Director), piano lab equipment



**WMC Grant recipients on March 3 with  
Grants Committee Chair Mary Vee Connell**



Horace Scruggs  
Fluvanna County

## CBS19 NEWS COVERAGE

### Scholarship winners perform during Wednesday Music Club recital



By Desiree Montilla | Posted: Sun 10:01 PM, Mar 03, 2019 | Updated: Sun 10:08 PM, Mar 03, 2019

**CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. (CBS19 NEWS)** -- Local musicians performed their best musical pieces during a recital presented by the Wednesday Club Sunday afternoon at First Presbyterian Church.

The recital featured scholarship and competition winners from several divisions.

The event was presented by the Wednesday Music Club, an organization that supports young musicians and promotes classical music in Central Virginia.

The organization was founded in 1923 and has grown to include over 160 members in the group.



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