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## News releases

### **BC BACH FESTIVAL HONORS YOUNG ARTISTS' COMPETITION WINNERS**

Three area high school musicians were the winners of the annual Young Artists Competition held at Bluffton College on Saturday, March 25, as part of Bach Festival 2000. Twelve solo instrumental musicians and one duo competed for three cash prizes and the opportunity to play at the Festival Concert held in Yoder Recital Hall on Sunday evening.

Winners were: 1st place, Meredith Glinka, Bowling Green, Ohio; 2nd place, Heather McEwen, Bowling Green; and 3rd place, Ryan Brechmacher, Bowling Green.

Glinka, a senior at Maumee Valley Country Day School, played "Violin Concerto in D minor Op. 47" by Jean Sibelius. She is the daughter of Janice and Michael Glinka and studies violin with instructor Vasile Beluska.

McEwen is a sophomore at Bowling Green High School. She performed "Passacaglia" by Aaron Copland. McEwen, the daughter of Scott McEwen, is a piano student of Virginia Marks.

Brechmacher, a sophomore at Bowling Green High School, played "Scherzo Op. 6 No.3" by Charles Griffes. He is a piano student of Carol M. Steiner and is the son of Cindy and Rick Brechmacher.

Honorable mention awards went to Alena Crossman, Van Buren, Ohio, and Jeffrey Sosnowski, Gibsonburg, Ohio. Crossman, a home-schooled junior, is a piano student of Virginia Marks. She is the daughter of Melinda and Ron Crossman. Sosnowski, the son of Judith and Leonard Reino, is a senior at St. John's Jesuit High School. He is a piano student of Valarie Kantorski.

The Young Artists' Competition was formed to encourage excellence in young musicians and has been a part of the BC Bach Festival annual tradition since its beginning in 1987.

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