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Glacier Symphony and Chorale announces Scholarship award winners

Glacier Symphony and Chorale awarded music education scholarships to two young music students from the Flathead Valley at its season finale concert on May 16. Dr. Jim Bonnet, GSC Education Chair, presented a \$1000 scholarship to Stuart Roy, a senior at Flathead High School and to Austin Berscheid, a Whitefish High School senior.

In presenting the awards Bonnet said that GSC has from its early stages, considered participation in music education as a key component of its mission. "In past years, we were able to award scholarships to young musicians to encourage continued learning, but in recent years, rising costs and an ever tightening budget denied us that opportunity. Tonight, because of your unwavering support of this wonderful community organization, I am proud to award two outstanding young musicians with scholarships to assist in their continuing musical education," he told the audience.

He described Stuart as a dedicated singer ever since he began in the second grade. He has been a member of the Flathead High School choirs, achieving "superior" ratings at district and state festivals as well as participating in All State Chorus. "In 2008 and 2009, Stuart sang with the Glacier Chorale and, most recently, with the Glacier Chamber Singers. He plans to attend Montana State University in the fall and to continue to hone his fine talent," Bonnet explained.

Bonnet said that Austin's talents include playing cello with the Glacier Symphony, the Whitefish High School Orchestra, and the Whitefish Community Orchestra. He also played principal cello in the 2009 AA Orchestra Festival. Austin also sings, is a member of his school choir, and recently performed in the Alpine Theatre Project production of "High School Musical." He also plans to attend Montana State University next year and to continue his study of music.

The scholarship programs of the Glacier Symphony and Chorale are partially funded by the League of the GSC and other individual donors. Additional support is welcomed to grow the scholarship program by contacting the GSC at 257-3241.

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