

B.C. CHORAL FEDERATION AWARDS

Background information

The Herbert Drost Award

- For distinguished service and support of choral music throughout B.C.
- To an individual who has had long-term positive effects on choral music and choirs
- Nominations may include conductors, administrators, sponsors, composers, librarians, music publishers and music retailers

Herbert Drost was the founder and first director of the Vancouver Bach Choir in 1930. In the same year he established the Western Music Company in Vancouver. During his time with the company he published over 450 choral selections including the work of many Canadian composers. He was a powerful influence in choral music activity in Vancouver as well as the whole of Canada

The Herbert Kent Award

- For long-term participation in choirs and choral singing
- To an individual who displays outstanding commitment and responsibility to choral music
- This award is for long-term service to regional choirs and includes but is not limited to singers, accompanists, publicists, choir historians etc.

Herbert Kent was a founder and early director of the Arion Male Voice Choir in Victoria, as well as one of its committed singers. His involvement spanned more than 60 years, during which time he also served as choir historian. The choir, established in 1893, is the longest continuously running choir on the west coast of North America.

The Amy Ferguson Award

- For an outstanding choral director who is also an excellent vocal teacher fostering superior vocal practice

Dr. Amy Ferguson was the founder and conductor of the renowned Nelson Boys' Choir. From 1931 until her death in 1972, she was mentor and guide to hundreds of young people in the Nelson area as a voice and piano teacher and choral conductor. Many of Mrs. Ferguson's students went on to distinguished careers as vocal soloists and teachers.

The Joyce O. Maguire Award

- For outstanding long-term service as a choral accompanist

Joyce Maguire has been pianist for the Vancouver Bach Choir since 1964, and manager of its Children's and Youth projects since their inception. She was elected as Associate of the Royal Academy for achieving distinction in the profession, and also served as Executive Director of the BCCF from 1983 until 2004.

The Malcolm McDonald Youth Achievement Award

- For outstanding leadership and commitment to B.C. Youth Choir activities

Malcolm McDonald was the first chairperson of the BCCF Youth Council, a youth-run sub-committee of the BC Choral Federation that manages the BC Youth Choir project and promotes youth choral singing through a variety of activities across the province.

**B.C. CHORAL FEDERATION AWARDS
Nomination Form**

We, the undersigned, nominate _____
for the _____ Award.

Address of Nominee: _____

City: _____ Postal Code: _____

Telephone: _____ e-mail _____

Sponsors:

Sponsor # 1. Name _____

Address _____ City _____

Postal Code: _____ Telephone _____

E-mail _____ Signature: _____

Sponsor # 2. Name _____

Address _____ City _____

Postal Code: _____ Telephone _____

E-mail _____ Signature: _____

Sponsor # 3. Name _____

Address _____ City _____

Postal Code: _____ Telephone _____

E-mail _____ Signature: _____

**NOMINATIONS MAY BE MADE AT ANY TIME
PLEASE ALLOW SIX WEEKS FOR PROCESSING THE AWARDSBCCF**

Awards documentation:

Please attach the following

1. Brief (150 words or less) outline of reasons for this Nomination
2. 150 word thumbnail biography of the nominee to be used in making presentations as well as providing appropriate text for the BCCF Newsletter and as a Press Release to local newspapers.
3. a photograph of the nominee (this may be sent as a j peg to the Awards chair. Hard copies are also acceptable) This photograph is for inclusion in the BCCF Awards "Hall of Fame"
4. additional testimonial material may be submitted. Brevity is appreciated.

Presentation of Awards

Awards are often presented at BCCF Chorfest in May, but may be presented locally at any time after ratification at an event of significance to both the recipient and the presenter. You might call on your regional BCCF Board member to make the presentation.

Public Relations

The presentation of the BCCF Awards is newsworthy. Please let the local press know about your presentation and supply them with a press release and a photograph. Better yet, invite them to the presentation. Local newspapers can be found by googling [British Columbia and Yukon Community Newspapers Association](#)

Please forward nominations and supporting material to:

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DOCUMENT CHECKLIST:

- Nomination form completed & signed by three nominators**
- Outline of reasons for nomination**
- Thumbnail biography of nominee**
- Photograph of nominee**
- Additional testimonial material**