



2012 Hans Schmelzer Music Award

The Ensemble Component

The Student Musician Component

Every aspect of our music today, whether classical, pop, rock, or jazz, has been influenced in some way by the cultures of central and eastern Europe. The music of Germany, Austria, Switzerland, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Slovenia, Hungary, Romania, as well as the rest of central and eastern Europe, has deep roots in the folklore and traditions of its people. These cultures, through the music created by them, have had a profound impact on the development of music history. Yet many musicians and non-musicians know little about the origins or current developments of such music.

The **Hans Schmelzer Music Award** was established in 2010 by the Alemannia Music Foundation, Inc., (AMF) to promote the study of central and eastern European music in the high schools, colleges, and universities of the So. California area. And through this study, to better connect student musicians with the roots of music development. It is our belief that by knowing where the music of today has come from, students will be better able to develop their own talents and apply their knowledge to the development of music as a whole.

The award has two components: an *Ensemble Component* and a *Student Musician Component*. Each award includes a monetary grant, the amount of which may vary dependent upon the funding received for the year. Multiple awards may be made for the Ensemble Component (as additional funding becomes available). Only one award will be made for the Student Musician Component.

The Hans Schmelzer Music Award is primarily administered and funded by the AMF. Additional funding for 2012 has been generously provided by the German-American League of Los Angeles, Inc., Ltd., which is an organization representing 20 affiliated social, cultural, and business organizations in the So. California area. More information about the German-League can be found on the League website at www.germanleague.us.

Application forms and an information pamphlet (which contains the complete requirements and criteria of the award), along with other information, can be found on the AMF website at www.alemanniamusic.org.

The Ensemble Component is available to an accredited high school, college, or university located in California in Imperial, Kern, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, or Ventura counties. The school ensemble must be a recognized school organization or included as part of the curriculum, and must be instrumental and include at least brass or woodwind instruments (although percussion and string instruments may also be part of the ensemble). The 2012 award for the Ensemble Component is a \$600 grant to be used for music education purposes. Multiple awards may be made during the year (as additional funding becomes available).

To obtain the award a school ensemble must perform a musical work which has direct origins from, or has been directly influenced by, the music or culture of Austria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, or Switzerland. The musical work can be of any genre including folk music, polka, waltz, opera, overture, ballet, pop, jazz, etc. The length, difficulty, and nature of the work are not determinative regarding the award, but are taken into consideration. The musical work must be performed by the ensemble in a concert open to the public between November 1, 2011, and December 31, 2012.

A written application for the award must be submitted and **post-marked 30 days before the performance of the musical work**. No fee is required for submitting the application.

The Student Musician Component is available to an individual student attending an accredited high school, college, or university located in California in Imperial, Kern, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, or Ventura counties. The student must be able to play one of the following instruments with a proficiency that is at least at an average level for the grade level of the student: Bb clarinet, Eb clarinet, flute, piccolo, tenor saxophone, Eb alto saxophone, trumpet, cornet, flugelhorn, Eb French horn, baritone, tenor horn, euphonium, trombone, tuba, drum set. The award for 2012 is a \$400 grant to be used by the student for his/her educational purposes.

The student must demonstrate an understanding of the culture and music of Austria, Banat, Croatia, Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, or Switzerland through a written essay, which is the main criteria of the award.

The presentation of the award will be made at the 2012 German Day sponsored by the German-American League of Los Angeles, Inc., Ltd. German Day is typically held on the last Sunday in August at a venue in the Los Angeles / Orange County area. The recipient will also be invited to perform with the German-American Brass Band at the event at which the award is presented.

A written application for the award must be submitted to the AMF **postmarked by the date indicated on the AMF website**. The student essay must accompany the application. No fee is required for submitting the application.



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