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Jherek Bischoff named recipient of the 2012 Amy Award for Emerging Artists

Bainbridge Island, Wash. – May 14, 2012 – The Bainbridge Island Arts & Humanities Council and Bainbridge Performing Arts are pleased to announce **Jherek Bischoff** as the recipient of the eleventh annual Amy Award for emerging artists.

Bischoff is a musician and composer who has toured the world several times over; his new record, *Composed*, will be released in June. This years-in-making project, featuring full orchestral pieces, includes a host of Seattle's greatest musicians and spotlights a staggering lineup of guest vocalists including David Byrne, Mirah, Carla Bozulich, Craig Wedren, and many others.

"Jherek so wholly embodies the spirit of the Amy Award," said Dominique Cantwell, Executive Director of Bainbridge Performing Arts. "It's an honor for BPA to be able to recognize his success and celebrate his talent."

Since 2001, the Amy Award has been awarded annually to a current or former Bainbridge Islander under the age of 35 whose work exhibits a sense of quality, creativity, exploration, and dedication. Bainbridge Performing Arts and Bainbridge Arts and Crafts select the recipient in alternate years, with the award managed by the Bainbridge Arts & Humanities Council.

The winner receives a cash award funded by an endowment established by David and Caren Anderson in memory of their daughter, Amy, who as a young person was deeply involved in the visual and performing arts on Bainbridge.

"The Amy Award is a wonderful and giving way to bring awareness to the importance of support to the arts," Bischoff said. "I hope, as Bainbridge Island grows and grows, we will all continue to remember that we can all make a difference. I cannot thank the Anderson family, the Arts & Humanities Council, Bainbridge Performing Arts and the Bainbridge Island community enough for their support!"

Bischoff will be presented with the award at a private ceremony on May 23. Sample his music at jherekbischoff.bandcamp.com.

About the Arts & Humanities Council

For a quarter century, the Arts & Humanities Council has nurtured Bainbridge Island's cultural community with programs, services, and collaborations that form the core of our mission: *to create an environment on Bainbridge Island in which the arts and humanities flourish*. Last year we engaged 2,200 young people in a full range of quality arts and humanities programs; provided support services to local artists and cultural organizations; awarded \$55,000 in grants and scholarships to outstanding members of the cultural community; and engaged people beyond our island in the creative milieu that is Bainbridge.

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