Wilbur Robley (W.R.) Kirk was born December 5, 1911, in Hastings, Nebraska. He moved to Idaho at an early age, and in 1930 graduated from Boise High School. Marlys Hobza Kirk was born February 16, 1926, in Mandan, North Dakota. She, too, moved to Idaho at an early age and graduated from NNU, then Northwest Nazarene College, in 1944. W. R. Kirk and Marlys Hobza were married on August 26, 1948. They had two children, Christopher and Cynthia.

W. R. or Kirk, as family and friends called him, spent the next seventy years in the food, supermarket and shopping center business. He was a manager for Safeway, Albertson's and M & W Markets, and in 1949 purchased the Holly Market in Nampa, Idaho, which would grow into the Holly Shopping Center. Mr. Kirk was active in the organization and operation of the Nampa Independent Grocers Association. In 1996, NNU awarded Mr. Kirk the Eugene Emerson Medal in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the spirit of cooperation between community and university. He was known by all as a man of integrity, dignity and perseverance.

Marlys Hobza was the daughter of Ralph and Elmira Hobza. Ralph was a prominent Nazarene minister in the Nampa area for many years in the 50s & 60s. After graduating from NNC, Marlys received her Xray technician's certification and worked in this field for 15 years. During this time, and while raising two children, she returned to NNU and earned her Bachelor Degree. She was also very active in the grocery business with her husband.

The Wilbur R. and Marlys H. Kirk Music and Art Scholarship has been established by their daughter, Cynthia, and her husband, David Huber, to show the respect and love they hold for them.

**Criteria for the Award**

1. Recipients are to be students who exhibit a passion for music and art and show potential for academic success and degree completion.
2. Recipients need not be students who are majoring in either music or art.
3. Financial need shall not be a consideration in the awarding of this scholarship.
4. Recipients may receive the award in successive years, not to exceed four years.
5. Nominations for this award are to be made through the Departments of Art & Music in cooperation with the Office of Financial Aid.

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