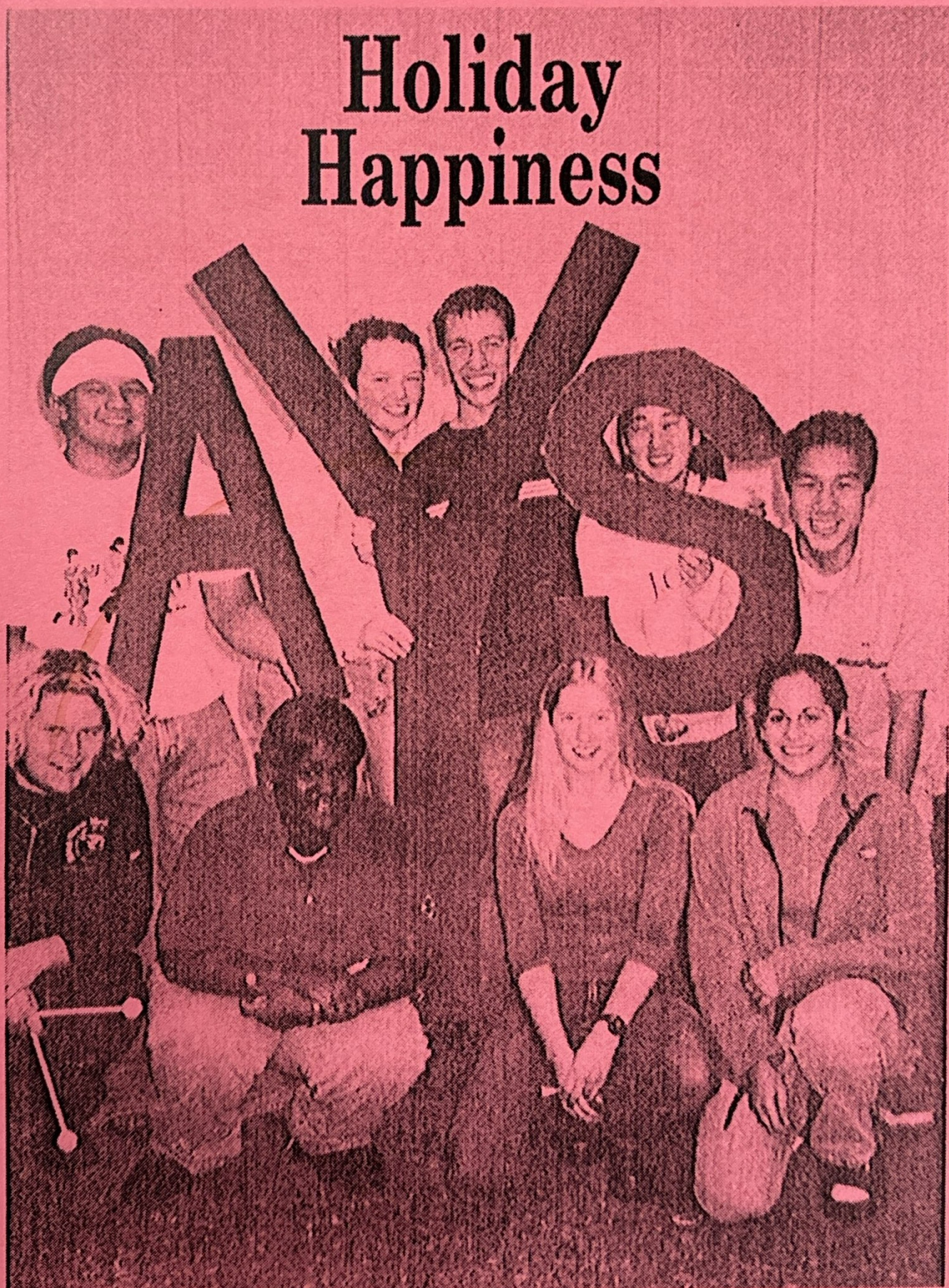


Anchorage Youth Symphony

Tuesday, December 11, 2001 at 7:30PM

Discovery Theatre
Alaska Center for the Performing Arts

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Mission Statement

The Anchorage Youth Symphony shall endeavor to further the musicianship of its members through the use of rehearsals, tours, concerts and other areas related to excellence in musical performance and education.

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Linn Weeda, Music Director

LINN WEEDA

Born and raised in Alaska, Linn Weeda received his master's degree at Boston University, where he studied trumpet with Armando Ghitalla and Roger Voisin, won the concerto competition and was student of the year.

Further studies after his Master's were with Julio Tancredi in trumpet, Larry Scripp in solfege, Charles Bruck in conducting at the Pierre Monteux School for Advanced Conductors, and with Gunther Schuller in conducting at the Schweitzer Institute. He has also studied with the principal trumpeters of the Atlanta, London, Los Angeles, and Rotterdam Orchestras.

Weeda's professional career has been quite varied. As a freelancer in Boston, he was a member of a variety of orchestras on the East Coast and has been heard nationally on National Public Radio performing on baroque trumpet with the Smithsonian Chamber players. In addition, Linn has given recitals and performed concertos in a variety of venues in New England, Mississippi, and Alaska. He has performed as a soloist with the Arctic Chamber Orchestra on tour in Alaska and China, and with the Anchorage Festival of Music. Weeda has performed the Haydn Concerto with the Anchorage Symphony, and has appeared with the Suwon Philharmonic in Korea, the UAA Wind Ensemble and given recitals in New York.

As a conductor, Linn has led touring orchestras in a variety of locations in the United States, Australia, New Zealand and Germany. He has been music director of the Fairbanks Youth Symphony and founded the Tupelo, Mississippi Community Orchestra. In New England, he conducted a variety of ensembles and was staff conductor of the Greater Boston Youth Symphony. He has guest conducted a variety of orchestras, including the Fairbanks and Anchorage Symphonies. He has worked with the Anchorage Festival of Music, most recently as conductor of a concert of baroque music.

His work as conductor in the theater includes performances of the Lloyd Webber musicals "Jesus Christ Superstar" and "Evita." He has regularly conducted the Anchorage Symphony in the Annual Halloween concert and in Young People's Concerts.

Currently Linn is Assistant Music Director and Principal Trumpet of the Anchorage Symphony, Principal Trumpet of the Anchorage Opera and the Anchorage Festival.

In addition to his many credits as a performer, Linn has taught a variety of musical subjects in various settings ranging from marching band in public schools to university courses. He has taught at King's Lake Music Camp, UAF Summer Fine Arts Camp, and the Fairbanks Summer Arts Festival. Currently he teaches classes in ear training, solfege, music history, music appreciation, and trumpet at the University of Alaska, Anchorage.

He makes his home in Anchorage with his wife, Mary, who is a violinist and educator.

CONDUCTOR BIOGRAPHIES

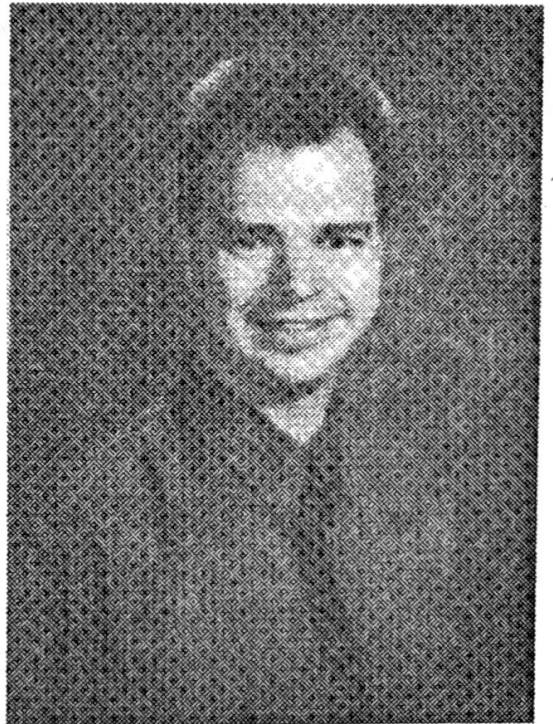
Bernadette Boring was born and raised in Detroit, Michigan. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Music Education from Wayne State University and a Master of Liberal Arts Degree from Alaska Pacific University/Southern Methodist University. Additionally, Ms. Boring has studied at Penn State University and the University of Wisconsin. She taught in Michigan, Pennsylvania, and Fairbanks, Alaska, before settling in Anchorage in 1972.

Ms. Boring has taught orchestra and chorus at Wendler Middle School, Dimond-Mears complex and the new Mears Middle School. This is her fifteenth year as conductor of the Anchorage Junior Youth Symphony.



Bernadette Boring

Brendan Wilson is in his third year as the Band Director at Gruening Middle School in Eagle River. Brendan grew up in Green Bay, Wisconsin, and earned his Bachelors Degree in Music Education at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh. After graduating, he worked for two years as a Middle School Band Director at Dafoe Middle School in Wautoma, Wisconsin. In 1993 he moved to Cedaredge, Colorado, where he directed the Middle and High School bands and choirs for six years before relocating to the Anchorage area. Mr. Wilson recently completed his Masters Degree in Technology in Education through Lesley College of Cambridge, Massachusetts.



Brendan Wilson

ANCHORAGE JUNIOR YOUTH SYMPHONY

Violin I

*Charles Berdahl - M
 Jae Chung - M
 Lauren Fritz - ML
 KaSandra Gore - GV
 Chrystal Gregus - C
 Hyungseung Kang - M
 Megan Killary - M
 *Jing Liu - M
 Kayla Mason - GR
 Caitlin Paulic - GV
 Gauri Phadnis - M
 *Eric Rodgers - C
 Brianna Tittle - NL
 *Emily Yen - C

Violin II

Meredith Banks - GV
 Aarika Barnes - GV
 *Chris Chong - M (and piano)
 Dianne Collins - W
 Kristine Gonzales - M
 Alice Kim - H
 Yeorim Kim - R (and piano)
 Yong Yun Kim - H
 Justin Lee - H
 Katie Munter - GV
 Jamie Waldock - H
 Anastasia Ward - H
 *Whitney Yang - C

Viola

Marie Brumbelow - H
 *Jesse Chang - NL
 Matthew Cobb - M
 Adrienne English - GV
 Molly Lyon - ML
 *Brita Johnson - GV
 Icy Moore - M
 Anson Moxness - C
 Matthew Park - M
 Kevin Traver - H

Cello

Denali Brothers - W
 *Eric Ely - M
 Kyle Jennings - GR
 *Elizabeth Knapp - C
 Elizabeth Magby - GV
 Hannah Magen - GV
 Brad Ramsey - C
 Max RoseFigura - R
 Jasmin Saxby - M
 *Aristo Shyn - M
 Ian Worthington - P

String Bass

*Janie Cowan - GV
 Dylan Kutzer - GV
 Paul Senner - R
 Jamie Sims - H
 Megan Williamson - W

Flute

Lindsay Bos - GV
 Tony Collins - ML
 Amelia Josephson - R
 Amanda Mendenhall - GR

Oboe

Margo Archey - C
 Jean Falconer - H

Clarinet

Brittany Bjornstead - GR
 Alicia Budahl - GV
 Natalie Walther - M

Bassoon

Laura Brudzinski - GR
 Anouk Gevaert - R

Horn

Kelley Coker - R
 Ben Martinson - R

Trumpet

Lukas Stutzer - M
 Katie Walther - M

Trombone

Alex Edwards - R
 Ryan Murphy - ML

Tuba

Connie Golding - M

Percussion

Sarah Morgan

Key:

C Central
 GR Gruening
 GV Golden View
 H Hanshew
 M Mears
 ML Mirror Lake
 NL Northern Lights
 P Polaris
 R Romig
 W Wendler
 * Co-principal

ANCHORAGE YOUTH SYMPHONY

Violin I

Emily Bliss
 Concertmaster
 Erika Beheim
 Sarah Hillebrand
 Adam Stewart
 Noriyasu Harada
 Amanda Kerr
 Jasmine Hung
 Elan Wong
 Tiffany Stewart
 Anna Remillard
 Ann Wood
 Yin Tong
 Melissa Weiler
 Martha Leffek
 Erin Swieter
 Robert Yoon

Violin II

Allison Davis
 Principal
 Elliott Larsen
 Christina Layne
 Danielle Bachman
 Yuta Sato
 Nancy Tcheou
 Kristy Wood
 Lizzie DeYoung
 Lesley Lepley
 Joyce Kim
 Jay Han
 Elyse Yeager
 Kaity Morris
 Justin Lee
 Shannon Kuhn

Viola

Katie McVey
 Principal
 John Hanson
 William Garner
 Britt Moody
 Britta Helm
 Ragan Whatley
 Gretchen Wellman
 Makeda Perryman
 Kara Beard
 Ruth Fischer
 Morgan Jessee

Cello

Kaiya Reeve
 Principal
 Nick Riordan
 Jessica Lee
 Kara Davis
 Kelsey Johnston
 Andres Martinez
 Blake Langdon
 Bailey Lyon
 Brandon Park
 Claire Knudsen-Latta
 Kathryn Runyon-Walker
 Chris Kosednar

String Bass

Marla Smithhisler
 Principal
 Joshua Wilson
 Nora Smithhisler
 Larissa Kozisek

Flute

Gabrielle Jolivette
 Principal
 Hana Freymiller
 Cecelia Frey also piccolo
 Fabienne Fuerer

Oboe

Connor Ross
 Principal
 Evan Privoznik

Clarinet

Noah Schoenberg
 Principal
 Xavier Engle
 Dylan Schick
 Allison Magby

Bassoon

Gillian Denton
 Principal
 Megan Bledsoe
 Adam Advincula

Tenor Saxophone

Jay Mullen
 Principal

Horn

Catherine Massey
 Principal
 Timothy Risi
 Brian Long
 Kate Compton

Trumpet

Logan Bean
 Principal
 Hannah Bjornstad
 Kwai-Lin Bloomfield
 Jonathan Crandall

Trombone

David Martinson
 Principal
 Jason Woscek
 Hans Thompson

Tuba

Lauren Risby
 Principal

Percussion

Loren Webb
 Principal
 Tommy East
 Timothy Lum-Yee

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HISTORY - ANCHORAGE YOUTH SYMPHONY

In the early 1960's many individuals recognized the need for an orchestra for the youth of Anchorage. Forerunners of what became known as the Anchorage Youth Symphony were organized and conducted by such prominent local musicians and educators as Kurt Pasch, Jeanne (Ray) Bruhn, Charles Gorsuch and Marlow Thomas. Young musicians of that period were trained in the Anchorage schools and gave many concerts throughout the city.

In 1965 the Anchorage School District hired Frank Pinkerton as its director of music. In that position he formally organized the Anchorage Youth Symphony. As its music director, Mr. Pinkerton oversaw the expansion of opportunities to perform throughout the state, and the youth symphony's reputation grew steadily. The Elementary Honor Orchestra and Band and the Junior High Honor Orchestra were added to the district's program. The elementary and junior high orchestras and bands are still funded by the Anchorage School District, whereas the Anchorage Youth Symphony is now an independent, non profit organization. Mr. Pinkerton retired in 1978.

Dewey Ehling replaced Frank Pinkerton as music director of both the Anchorage School District and the youth symphony. For the next eight years until his retirement in 1986, he expanded the touring schedule, traveling and performing in Canada, Great Britain, Australia and New Zealand. Domestically, the orchestra performed in Washington state, California and Washington D.C.

In 1986 and 1987 Linn Weeda led the orchestra. Weeda was a graduate of the Youth Symphony in its early years. Under his leadership the orchestra toured and performed in New York City at Lincoln Center.

In 1988 John Duff of Fairbanks led the orchestra. During his tenure the orchestra toured Scotland. In 1991 Russell Guyver, a professor of music at University of Alaska Anchorage, succeeded Duff. Guyver instituted a series of retreats, to encourage the social interaction of members, as well as concerts in the Matanuska-Susitna Valley.

Linn Weeda was again engaged as the music director in 1992, and continues in that position. In recent years the orchestra's program has expanded to include coaching by local professional musicians, many of whom were in the youth symphony as young players. Other activities under Weeda have included an annual recording project, a chamber music series, an alumni association, and scholarships.

Members of the orchestra are chosen each year during auditions in the spring, and are drawn from every public and private school in the area as well as from the Matanuska-Susitna valley. In previous years, students flew in from Kodiak and Kenai to rehearse and perform with the youth symphony.

The symphony is sponsored by the Anchorage Youth Symphony Association and governed by the Anchorage Youth Symphony Board of Directors.

Without great music, education is not complete. Music education has long been an educational priority of the Anchorage School District with classes in orchestra, band and chorus offered at the elementary, junior and senior high levels. The youth symphony encourages and supports the music program within the schools in the belief that great music played well instills in young people discipline and the joy of great musical ideas.

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT



Kwai-Lin Bloomfield

Kwai-Lin Bloomfield is a senior at Dimond High School and a 2 year member of the Anchorage Youth Symphony as a trumpet player. He was in All State band the last 2 years and has lettered in swimming for 4 years. He plans to attend college.



Cecelia Frey

Cecelia Frey is a senior at Chugiak High School and plays flute and piccolo with the Anchorage Youth Symphony where she is a first year member. She received a superior rating at the state Solo & Ensemble Festival in 2000 and another superior rating at the Region IV Solo & Ensemble Festival. She received a level 5 certificate at the Associated Board theory exam.

Other activities include karate and photography. She expects to pursue a degree in music performance and hopes eventually to run a private flute studio and play in a symphony.

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Jasmine Hung is a 4 year member of the Anchorage Youth Symphony where she is in the 1st violin section. She is also a senior at West High School where she is Concertmaster in the orchestra for the 2nd year. She was Concertmaster in 6th grade honor orchestra as well as in 8th grade when she was a member of the Anchorage Junior Youth Symphony. More recently, she has been a member of the 1st violin section at All State orchestra for 3 years, and in the Solo & Ensemble Festival for 3 years. In addition to violin, she plays piano. She was a YWCA award finalist and has been nominated to attend the national Youth Leadership meeting in Washington. She has been in student government for 3 years and has been publicity chairman for the West High School Honor Society for 2 years. Her GPA is currently 4.21, rank 2, and she has been published in Who's Who twice. She loves spending time with friends and family, traveling and dancing. Her college plans include a major in engineering or math.



Jasmine Hung

Claire Knudsen-Latta is a senior at West High School. She is a first year cello player in the Anchorage Youth Symphony. She plans to attend college.



Claire Knudsen-Latta

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT



Ruth Fischer

musical interests as well as viola and singing, and besides swimming and soccer enjoys cross country skiing, snow boarding and dancing. Her future plans include college, perhaps majoring in education, and hoping to squeeze in time for music and art as well.

Ruth Fischer is a senior at East High School. She is a 2nd year viola player in the Anchorage Youth Symphony. She is a 4 year member of the East High orchestra where she has lettered in Music (Orchestra). She has twice received a Certificate of Achievement "For a beautiful performance" in May of both 2000 and 2001. Ruth also sings. She is a member of the East High Swing choir this year, and in October of 2000 sang a solo as part of the Anchorage Youth Symphony concert on the stage of Discovery Theatre. In athletics, Ruth has received a certificate of participation in East High varsity swimming for 3 years, receiving the "Gung Ho" award in 1999. She also participates in soccer and has a certificate of participation in Junior Varsity soccer from 1999. She has received the "Award of Honor" for 3 years for maintaining a GPA of 3.0 or higher. She includes piano in her

PROGRAM

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ANCHORAGE JUNIOR YOUTH SYMPHONY

Bernadette Boring, conductor

Brendan Wilson, conductor

- The Star Spangled Banner Francis Scott Key, arr. by R. Matesky
- Russian Sailor's Dance from The Red Poppy Reinhold Gliere, arr. by B. Errante
- Sinfonietta in G Joseph Haydn, arr. by R.L. Bauernschmidt
- I. Andante
 - II. Minuet
 - III. Finale
- Little Suite for Orchestra Arthur Frackenpohl
- I. March
 - II. Minuet
 - III. Jig
- Once Upon a December from Anastasia L. Ahrens/S. Flaherty, arr. by Bob Cerulli
- Shalom Chavarine Israeli Folk Song, arr. by E. Del Borgo

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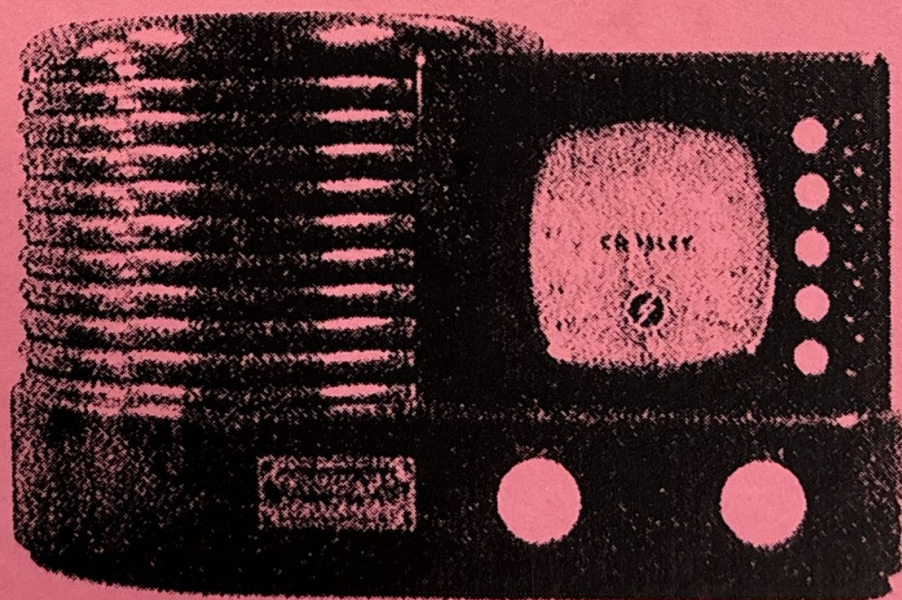
ANCHORAGE YOUTH SYMPHONY

Linn Weeda, conductor

- Overture to Egmont, op. 84 Ludwig van Beethoven
- Lt. Kije Suite, op.60 Sergei Prokofiev
- I. Kije's Birth
 - II. Song
 - III. Kije's Wedding
 - IV. Troika Song
 - V. Kije's Burial
- Variations on "Joy to the World" Hershy Kay

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