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ALASKA YOUTH ORCHESTRAS

Building a community where music education and performance are valued and shared through diverse programs and creative partnerships, serving more than 500 of Southcentral Alaska's youth, from kindergarten to college, each year.



"Music is the most important thing to me. It's what I've been doing and what I plan to do for the rest of my life."

~ Ethan, percussion

"I love that music doesn't discriminate. You don't even have to speak the same language."

~ Anna Lea, double bass

"Music teaches us what it means to be human. It spans cultures, continents, and centuries."

~ Maestro Bruce Wood

Anchorage Youth Symphony

Serving high school and college age youth musicians with music education and performance in a professional symphony setting and offering access to a future in professional music while building the skills that bring success in any career field they choose.

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Symphony School

Serving musicians, grades 4-12, through skill-based training ensembles, preparing them for future musical success in the Anchorage Youth Symphony and other community ensembles by raising their level of musical skill.

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After School Music

A partnership with Camp Fire Alaska, serving children, K-6, through a program of music inspiration; introducing them to classical music, encouraging early music lessons, and offering free access to their first classical music concert by the Anchorage Youth Symphony.

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