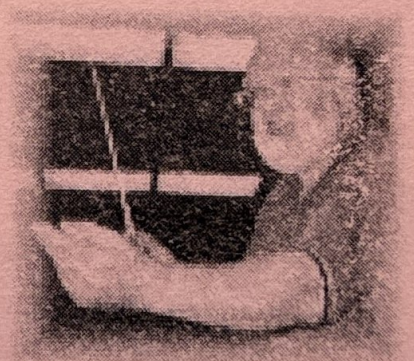
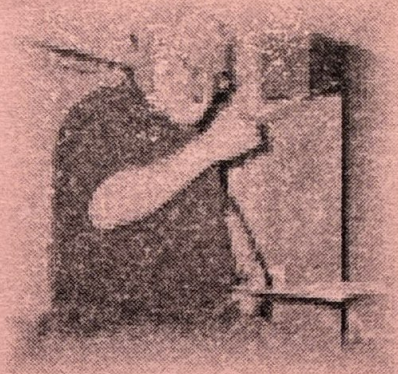
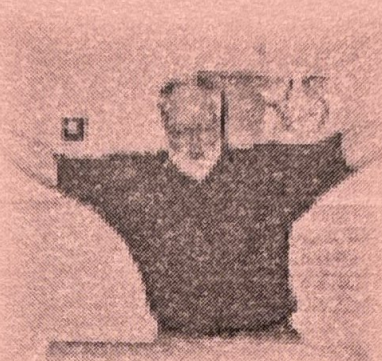


# Anchorage Youth Symphony

Tuesday, 7:30PM, December 3, 2002

Discovery Theatre  
Alaska Center for the Performing Arts

## Terrestrial and Other Themes



Sibelius ..... Finlandia  
Tchaikovsky ..... Romeo & Juliet Overture Fantasy  
Williams ..... Theme music from E.T.

plus the  
**Anchorage Junior Youth Symphony**

Sponsored in part by a grant from the  
Alaska State Council on the Arts and the Municipality of Anchorage.

Anchorage Youth Symphony Concert  
Tuesday, December 3, 2002.

Special Guests  
Kuskokwim Campus Student Dance Group  
Theresa John, Director

Dancers:

Diane Stephanoff  
Angela Chingliak  
Nicolai JoeKay  
Georgianna Waska  
Michelle Tunuchuk  
Loretta Andy  
Rayna Paul  
Marita Charles  
Alice Moses  
Joanne Walter

The Kuskokwim Campus Student Dance Group consists of students that are currently enrolled in the class or are members of the dance club. They come from the Yukon Kuskokwim regional villages. The group will present variety of Yup'ik songs for you tonight. Most of the songs are traditional Yup'ik historical songs. Some have been composed by the students themselves.

Students have been honored to perform during Cama-I Festival and have been invited to perform for the Festival of Native Arts this coming season. They traveled outside of the state to perform last year.

The instructor, Theresa John, has danced Yup'ik songs since she was old enough to stand. She started the Cama-I Festival in Bethel and has taught Native dance, Theatre and culturally relevant courses for the last twenty years. Theresa has been involved in various organizations that support art such as the State Council on the Arts, The Alaska Native Heritage Center, Institute of Alaska Native Art and has performed in various theatres across Alaska, United States and the world. She is the recent recipient of the Governor's Distinguished Humanities Educator Award along with her family.

## CONDUCTOR BIOGRAPHIES

**Joy Sharpe** has been an orchestra teacher in the Anchorage School District for more than twenty years. During that time she has taught at West High School, Romig Middle School, Polaris, and seventeen different elementary schools. She currently teaches at Gruening Middle School and two elementary schools in Eagle River. In addition to her regular teaching activities she frequently has taken on other organizational responsibilities. As a high school teacher she often coordinated the All State Orchestra and Solo and Ensemble Festivals. She presently serves on the Board for the Alaska String Camps. She has twice served as president of the Alaska String Teachers Association. In 1999 she received the Alaska Music Educators Teacher of the Year award.

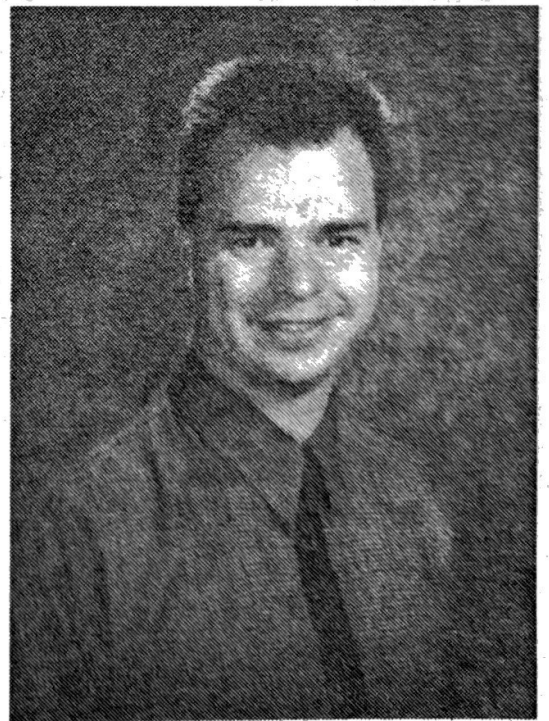


*Joy Sharpe*

Mrs. Sharpe continues to play her violin or viola regularly. She frequently plays in orchestras, but especially enjoys smaller chamber ensembles. She is also involved in music at her church.

During a twelve year hiatus from her school teaching career when her children were young, Mrs. Sharpe maintained a large private violin and viola studio in her home. Her children, now adults, are both alumni of the Anchorage Youth Symphony. Her son, a professional string bassist who has performed on five continents, teaches music at Texas Tech University. Her daughter is an archaeologist who continues to play violin in the Cascade Symphony Orchestra of suburban Seattle. Mrs. Sharpe knows that Youth Symphony makes a lifetime impact on its members!

**Brendan Wilson** is in his fourth 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*

## 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.

## ANCHORAGE JUNIOR YOUTH SYMPHONY

### Violin I

Gena Beam - G  
 Jessica Beck - GR  
 Amy Bradford - C  
 David Chang - M  
 Chris Chong - M  
 Christy Gentemann - GR  
 Michelle Hart - R  
 Yeorim Kim - R  
 Yong Kim - H  
 Aaron Lim - M  
 Anna Lovering - GV  
 Jaclyn Marugame - GV  
 Isaac Park - R  
 Jamie Waldock - H  
 Anastasia Ward - GV  
 Rosalind Worcester - C  
 Whitney Yang - C

### Violin II

Katie Cusack - W  
 Heather Fison - NL  
 Min-Ho Hyun - M  
 Ryan Jarvis - GR  
 Stephanie Jayich - GV  
 Aaron Jokela - P  
 Hyunkyung Kang - M  
 Jenny Kim - H  
 Jin-Ah Kim - H  
 Erin Lamothe - GV  
 Valeria Mashkova - C  
 Forrest Meyen - GR  
 Amie Stanley - GR  
 Ashley Stokes - GR  
 Maura Walsh - W  
 Sophie Walsh - W  
 Jazmine Williams - H  
 Robert Wood - W

### Viola

Kaeli Braden - C  
 Chia-yu Chiang (Yu-yu) - M  
 Anson Moxness - C  
 Harley Neel - GR  
 Matthew Park - M  
 Stephanie Ririe - GV  
 Leyna Rynearson - R  
 Robert Taylor - M

### Cello

Justin Bool - GV  
 Declan Boyd - C  
 Denali Brothers - W  
 Kyle Jennings - GR  
 Joy Kil - H  
 Krystal Pickering - H  
 Brad Ramsey - C  
 Josh Reidell - C  
 Max RoseFigura - R  
 Jasmine Saxby - M  
 Christina Waters - S  
 Ian Worthington - P

### String Bass

Dylan Kutzer - GV  
 Paul Senner - R

### Flute

Sarah Gerd - GV  
 Amelia Josephson - R  
 Ellen Meiser - M  
 Jennifer Rinker - H  
 Mary Viloría - GR

### Oboe

Lindsay Brudzinski - GR  
 Dana Tower - GV

### Clarinet

Li-Sha Bloomfield - NL  
 Celine Dammond - C  
 Chi-Hyun Kim - GV  
 Elyse Shellenbaum - GV

### Horn

Kimpton Jory - M  
 Katie Munter - GV

### Trumpet

Stephen Bergstrom - C  
 Mitchell Martineau - GV  
 Eric Packer - GV  
 Ashley Peachey - C

### Tuba

Gerlek Alena - R

### Percussion

Brady Byers - M  
 Micah Foster - GV

### Key:

C Central  
 G Girdwood  
 GR Gruening  
 GV Golden View  
 H Hanshew  
 M Mears  
 ML Mirror Lake

NL Northern Lights  
 P Polaris  
 R Romig  
 S Stellar  
 W Wendler

\* Co-principal

## ANCHORAGE YOUTH SYMPHONY

**Violin I**

Emily Bliss  
 Concertmaster  
 Erika Beheim  
 Amanda Kerr  
 Sarah Hillebrand  
 Adam Stewart  
 Danielle Bachman  
 Matt Smith  
 Elizabeth Dickenson  
 Elan Wong  
 Emily Yen  
 Anna Remillard  
 Allison Davis  
 Martha Leffek  
 Robert Yoon  
 Kaity Morris  
 Alexandra Sprano  
 Cory Heiner

**Violin II**

Lesley Lepley  
 Principal  
 Jay Han  
 Kristy Wood  
 Hyunseung Kang  
 Jing Liu  
 Lizzie DeYoung  
 Justin Lee  
 Maxine Kim  
 Joyce Kim  
 Jennifer Sullivan  
 Julie Fontenot  
 Shannon Kuhn  
 Richard Regacho  
 Laura Schierbaum

**Viola**

John Hanson  
 Principal  
 Britta Helm  
 William Garner  
 Brita Johnson  
 Kara Beard  
 Jesse Chang

**Cello**

Kaiya Reeve  
 Principal  
 Kara Davis  
 Nick Riordan  
 Jessica Lee  
 Kelsey Johnston  
 Paul Swanson  
 Ryan Manwaring  
 Brandon Park  
 Eric Ely  
 Elizabeth Knapp

**String Bass**

Nora Smithhisler  
 Principal  
 Larissa Kozisek  
 Janie Cowan

**Flute**

Fiona Rose Worcester  
 Principal  
 Kimberlee Kogane  
 Fabienne Fuerer  
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 Principal  
 Xavier Engle  
 Sofia Lagos  
 Greta Astrup

**Bassoon**

Gillian Denton  
 Principal  
 Megan Bledsoe  
 Laura Brudzinski

**Horn**

Catherine Massey  
 Principal  
 Timothy Risi  
 Brian Long  
 Cailin Denton

**Trumpet**

Logan Bean  
 Principal  
 Hannah Bjornstad  
 Jon Crandall  
 Carrie Stillman

**Trombone**

David Martinson  
 Principal  
 Ryan Murphy  
 Drew Arnold

**Tuba**

Connie Golding  
 Principal

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## PROGRAM

# TERRESTIAL and OTHER THEMES

## ANCHORAGE JUNIOR YOUTH SYMPHONY

Brendan Wilson, conductor

Joy Sharpe, conductor

- The Sound and the Fury ..... Robert W. Smith
- Sinfonia and Galliard ..... Adriano Banchieri, arr. by Daniel Kohut
- March, Interlude and Jig ..... David Stone  
Brendan Wilson, conductor
- Rhythm Ride ..... Maurice Whitney
- Symphony No. 2 (The Little Russian) Finale ..... P.I. Tchaikovsky, arr. by Merle Isaac  
Joy Sharpe, conductor

## INTERMISSION

## ANCHORAGE YOUTH SYMPHONY

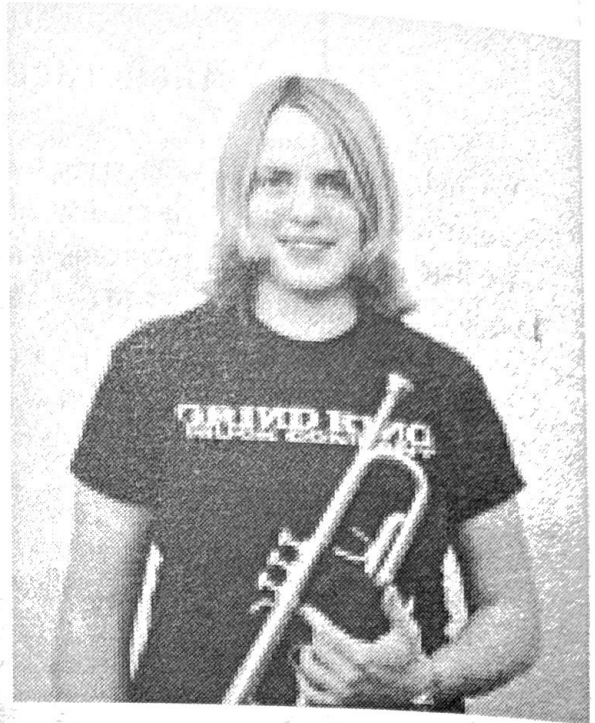
Linn Weeda, conductor

- Finlandia ..... Jean Sibelius
- Romeo & Juliet Overture Fantasy ..... Peter I. Tchaikovsky
- Selections from E.T. .... John Williams

*Note: This season marks the tenth season Mr. Weeda has served as Music Director of the Anchorage Youth Symphony. We applaud his work and dedication to this task. He is the one person that makes the whole thing happen. Thanks, Linn.*

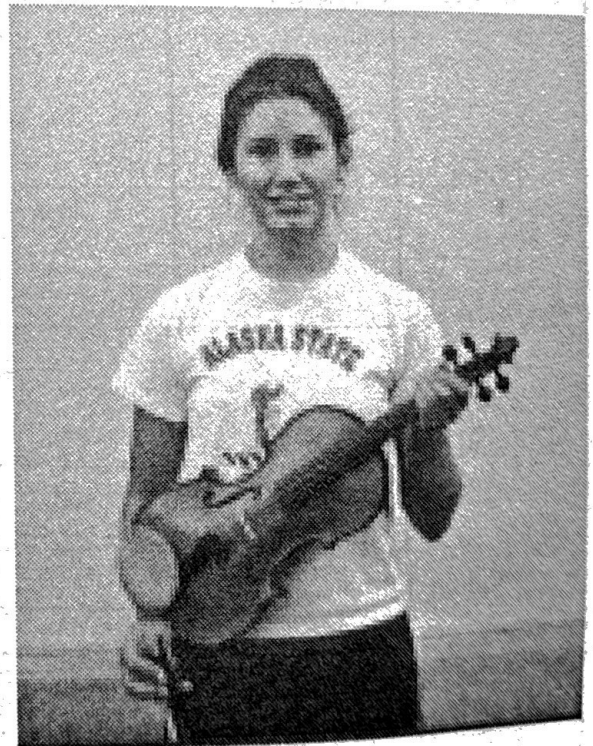
## SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

**Hannah Bjornstad** is a senior at Chugiak High School and a third year member of the Anchorage Youth Symphony trumpet section. She is also a third year student in Chugiak's Jazz Band and Symphonic Band and president of the Chugiak Band Council. She has received a superior rating in State Solo and Ensemble competition and performed in the ASAA All-State band for 2002. She is also a member of the National Honor Society and has maintained a 3.5 or higher grade point average throughout high school. She wishes to publicly thank her mom and dad and grandparents for always being loving, supportive, and leading her down a path of success and happiness. She also thanks Mr. Cleveland for trumpet instruction and helping her become what she is today. She loves to spend time with her family and boyfriend, Josh, watch classic movies, collect teddy bears and downhill ski. She hopes to get an elementary education degree at University of Alaska, Fairbanks, and plans eventually to start a family and maintain her strong faith in God and her love of music.



*Hannah Bjornstad*

**Emily Bliss**, Concertmaster, is a four year member of the Anchorage Youth Symphony and a senior at Service High School. She started playing violin at age 3 ½ and has won several awards in fiddling contests. She has also won several medals and trophies in Irish dancing. In addition to violin playing and Irish dancing, she enjoys sports, horseback riding, hiking and camping. She has college plans, and hopes to dance professionally.



*Emily Bliss*

## SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

**Allison Davis** is a senior at West High School and a 4 year member of the Anchorage Youth Symphony in the violin section. She has participated 3 years in All-State Orchestra and competed 4 years in State Solo and Ensemble competition. She is a member of the National Honor Society, a volunteer for Big Brothers/Big Sisters, and is secretary of the West Gay Straight Alliance. She is a cross-country skier at West High, and enjoys reading, writing, listening to and playing music, and kickboxing. Future plans include college, studying English and women's studies, and keeping up her violin playing.



*Allison Davis*

**Julie Fontenot** is a senior at Bartlett High School and a first year member of the Anchorage Youth Symphony in the violin section. She has received her letter and pin in the Bartlett High Orchestra. She has received her Silver Award in Girl Scouts and is working on her Gold Award. These are the highest awards attainable in Girl Scouts. In addition to violin playing, she enjoys piano playing, working at her job, and hanging out with friends. She hopes to become an orchestra teacher in the future.



*Julie Fontenot*

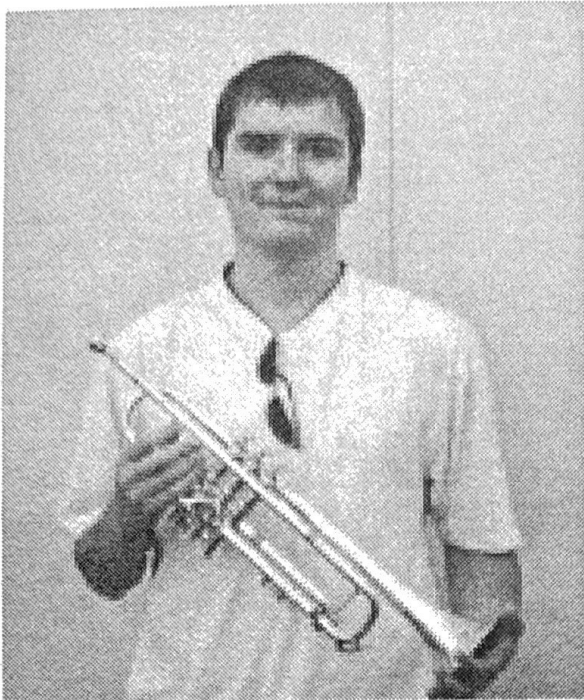
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## SENIOR SPOTLIGHT



*Jon Crandall*

**Jon Crandall** is a two year member of the Anchorage Youth Symphony in the trumpet section and a senior at Chugiak High School. He has participated in All-State band for three years and competed once at State Solo and Ensemble competition. He was in 6<sup>th</sup> grade honor band in Seattle. His hobby is music and he plans to attend college.



*Fabienne Fuerer*

**Fabienne Fuerer** is a senior at West High and a two year member of the flute section in the Anchorage Youth Symphony. She was awarded a band letter as a freshman at West High. She has also received a I rating in Solo and Ensemble competition. She has an academic letter, is in the top 10 percent of her class, and is a member of the National Honor Society with a 3.8 grade point average. She also enjoys participating in school musicals, ballroom dancing and photography. Future plans include traveling, and studying forensic science in college.

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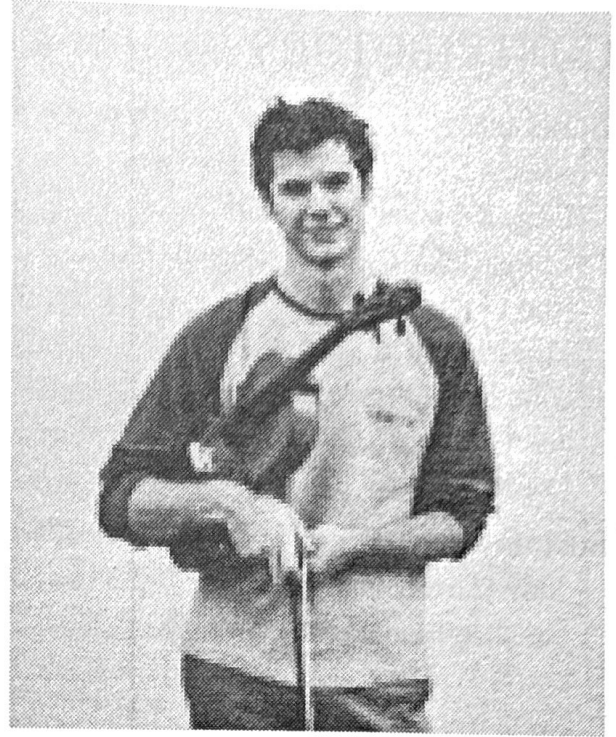
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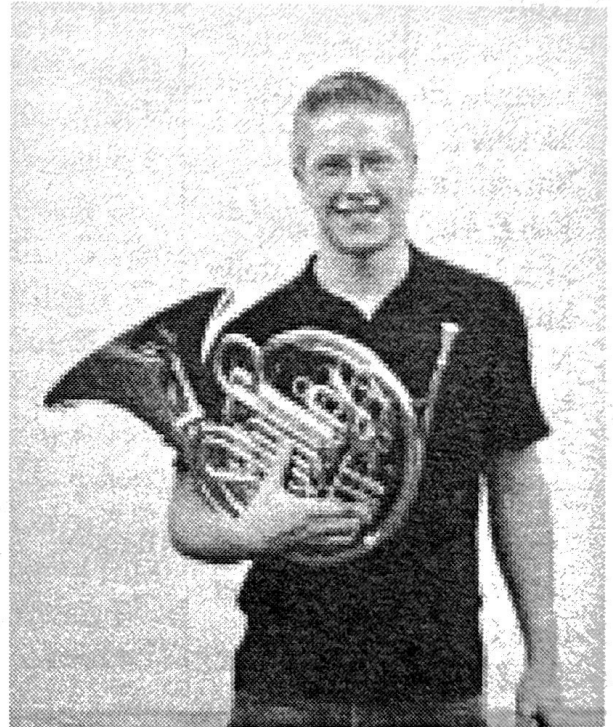
## SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

**John Hanson** is a senior at Service High School and a 4 year member of the Anchorage Youth Symphony viola section, where this year he is the principal violist. He has received superior awards at Solo and Ensemble competitions and participated in All-State Orchestra. In eighth grade he was a composition contest winner. He has received "Who's Who Among High School Students" recognition. He is very involved in church, dance, and he sings in choirs, and has been a member of the Anchorage Opera chorus. He plans to go to college and then "Rock the Music World."



*John Hanson*

**Brian Long** is a senior at Colony High School and a two year member of the Anchorage Youth Symphony French horn section. He has received the Spirit of Youth – Music Excellence and Mentorship award. He has attended All-State Band twice, and been a member of the Borough Honor Band three times. He has also attended the UAF Fine Arts camp and the Interlochen Fine Arts camp. He has competed in State Solo and Ensemble competition twice where he was awarded 1<sup>st</sup> runner up in vocal solo. He is a two year National Honor Society officer, and loves musical theater where he has participated in *Fiddler on the Roof* at the Valley Performing Arts Center. He enjoys singing, whether classical or jazz. College is in his future plans, and he plans to acquire both Bachelor and Masters degrees.



*Brian Long*

*Anchorage Youth*  
**SYMPHONY**



ANCHORAGE YOUTH SYMPHONY  
At Su Valley High School  
Talkeetna, Alaska  
Saturday March 8, 2003  
Linn Weeda, conductor

Program

- Festive Overture.....Dmitri Shostakovich
- Finlandia.....Jean Sibelius
- Symphony No. 8, Fourth Movement.....Antonin Dvorak

Intermission

- The Montagues and Capulets from "Romeo & Juliet" ballet...Sergei Prokofiev
- Romeo & Juliet Fantasy Overture.....Peter Tchaikovsky
- Wedding March from "Midsummer Night's Dream".....Felix Mendelssohn

We wish to thank Kathleen Fleming, Sandy Shoulders, and the Denali Arts Council Music Academy for all their wonderful help in making this trip to Talkeetna possible.

## PERSONNEL

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### **Violin 1**

Emily Bliss, Concertmaster  
Erika Beheim  
Amanda Kerr  
Danielle Bachman  
Matt Smith  
Elizabeth Dickenson  
Emily Yen  
Anna Remillard  
Allison Davis  
Martha Leffek  
Kaitly Morris  
Alexandra Sprano

### **Violin 2**

Lesley Lepley, Principal  
Jay Han  
Kristy Wood  
Hyunseung Kang  
Jing Liu  
Lizzie DeYoung  
Laura Schierbaum  
Jennifer Sullivan  
Richard Regacho  
Julie Fontenot  
Shannon Kuhn

### **Viola**

John Hanson, Principal  
Britta Helm  
Brita Johnson  
Jesse Chang

### **Cello**

Kaiya Reeve, Principal  
Kara Davis  
Nick Riordan  
Jessica Lee  
Kelsey Johnston  
Eric Ely  
Ryan Marwaring  
Elizabeth Knapp

### **String Bass**

Nora Smithhisler, Principal  
Larissa Kozisek

### **Flute**

Fiona Rose Worcester, Principal  
Kimberlee Kogane, also piccolo  
Fabienne Fuerer, also piccolo

### **Oboe**

Connor Ross, Principal  
Jean Falconer  
Evan Privoznik, also English Horn

### **Clarinet**

Noah Schoenberg, Principal  
Xavier Engle  
Greta Astrup  
Alicia Budahl

### **Bassoon**

Gillian Denton, Principal  
Megan Bledsoe, also harp  
Laura Brudzinski

### **French Horn**

Catherine Massey, Principal  
Brian Long  
Kate Compton  
Gillian Denton

### **Trumpet**

Logan Bean, Principal  
Hannah Bjornstad  
Carrie Stillman

### **Trombone**

David Martinson, Principal  
Ryan Murphy  
Drew Arnold

### **Tuba**

Connie Golding, Principal

### **Percussion**

Erika Ninoyu, Principal