

Anchorage Youth
SYMPHONY



SPRING

Anchorage Youth
Symphony

7PM, Tuesday,
April 28, 2009

Discovery Theatre
Alaska Center for the
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PROGRAM

Spring

ANCHORAGE YOUTH SYMPHONY

Linn Weeda, conductor

Overture to Colas Breugnon Dmitri Kabalevsky

Overture to Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg Richard Wagner

Violin Concerto in E minor, op 64 Felix Mendelssohn

I Allegro molto appassionato

Christine Harada-Li, Violin (winner, AYS Concerto Competition)

INTERMISSION

Russian Easter Overture Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov

Symphony No. 2, op. 30 Howard Hanson

I Adagio; Allegro moderato

II Andante con tenerezza

III Allegro con brio

OUR THANKS

The Anchorage Youth Symphony wishes to thank our coaches, whose expertise and dedication are an inspiration to our members. They are:

Lena Lukina-Shelt, *violin*

Elise Gelbart, *violin*

Anne Burns, *viola*

Linda Ottum, *cello*

Matthew O'Connor, *string bass*

Roxann Berry, *flute*

Sharman Piper, *oboe*

Crystal Hanson, *clarinet*

Hal Nonneman, *bassoon*

Bryan Charic, *French horn*

Jason Edwards, *trumpet*

Paul Fredericksen, *trombone and tuba*

C. David Williamson, *percussion*

Joanna Mayer, *harp*

VIOLIN SOLOIST
CHRISTINE HARADA-LI

Violinist Christine Harada-Li is currently attending her last year at East High School. She has served as concertmaster of the East High Concert Orchestra since Fall 2007. In 2008 she led the pit orchestra in "Beauty and the Beast," an East High Fine Arts production. Christine joined the Anchorage Youth Symphony during her sophomore year and has learned a lot about playing in a large orchestra. During her high school years, she was selected four times to perform in the All-State Orchestra Festival. This past February she was selected to attend the All-Northwest Orchestra Festival in Spokane, Washington. There she played under the baton of the renowned conductor of the Seattle Symphony, Gerard Schwarz. In May, Christine will fly back to Washington and perform in a side-by-side concert with the Seattle Symphony.



CHRISTINE HARADA-LI

Christine was awarded alternate winner of State Solo and Ensemble in 2007 and Honorable Mention in the 2007 Alaska MTNA Performance Competition (Senior Violin Division). Earlier this year Christine won the Anchorage Youth Symphony Concerto Competition, and on April 14th she was selected as the winner of the Mary & Lucian Cassetta Music Scholarship Competition.

In addition, Christine began studying piano with Rumi Smith at age nine. She has been awarded Honorable Mention in the Marguerite Downey Memorial Piano Competition in 2002, 2004, 2006 (Junior Division), and 2008 (Senior Division). She also received Honorable Mention in the 2006 Alaska MTNA Performance Competition (Senior Piano Division).

Although she loves both violin and piano, Christine's true passion for violin was ignited during the summer of 2007 when she attended a summer strings camp in Israel, "Music in the Valley" which is organized by the Jerusalem Academy of Music and Dance. Last summer, she returned to this strings camp and knew that she would pursue music as a career.

Christine was born in Urbana, Illinois in 1990. She began her violin studies at the age of five and has been studying with Beverly Beheim for the past ten years. Christine's brother, Noriyasu Harada-Li, is currently attending the Hokkaido University of Education in Japan. He also studied violin with Beverly Beheim and piano with Rumi Smith. Christine's father, Tai Wai Li, is an orchestral conductor and pianist. Her mother, Hiroko Harada is the Japanese Language professor at UAA. She is also a violinist and studied with Dr. Shinichi Suzuki. Approaching the end of her senior year, Christine is ready to graduate and begin college at the University of Michigan, School of Music in Ann Arbor!

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VIOLIN I

Geurim Kim,
Concertmaster
 Bryce O'Tierney
 Christine Harada-Li
 Krista Lundberg
 Emily Cao
 Danika Paskvan
 Katherina Clink
 Erica Conway
 Nate Berry
 Amber Mattfield
 Carlo Balmes
 Annie Livingston

VIOLIN II

Meghan Caves,
Principal
 Iva Karoly-Lister
 Tyler Hunt-Smith
 Anna Price
 Kate Backstrum
 Laura Friar
 Ellie Simpson
 Linnea Meyer
 Olivia Allen
 Grace Coleman
 Kirsten Williams
 Katia Lundell
 Molly Mew
 Shane McVeigh

VIOLA

Nathaniel Knapp,
Principal
 Molly Larsen
 Isaac Ahern
 YaeJi Keum
 Timothy Yun
 Alex Smith
 Katie Balcao
 Gregory Hall
 Anum Qadir
 Kivalina Grove
 Nicholas Warner
 Erlee Hjellen
 Penina Fatuleai

CELLO

Jannah Morton,
Principal
 Mack Holmberg
 Brett Lindsay
 Madeleine Amodio
 Aaron Haynes
 Anastasia Hanson
 Joshua Cravez

STRING BASS

John McKeever,
Principal
 Sam Guzauskas
 Christian McWorkman
 Lydia Doza
 Zachery Akins
 Allyssa Eagleton
 Keenan Brownsberger
 Nathaniel Perkins

FLUTE

Jung-Yoon Kim,
Principal
 John Goertz,
also piccolo
 Annalisa Boslough
 Anna Wichorek

OBOE

Meredith Woodard,
Principal,
also English Horn
 Elika Roohi
 Kelly Moran
 Francesca Risse

CLARINET

Rachel Wintz,
Co-principal
 Yixing Shi,
Co-principal
 Brian Gerd
 Max Shayer
 Steve Exelby

BASSOON

Kevin Shriver,
Principal
 Scott Munter,
also contrabassoon
 John Patras
 Tylor Thomas

HORN

Christina Knapp,
Principal
 Lily Hunter
 Christopher Dennis
 Samuel Dougherty

TRUMPET

Jon Kaplan,
Principal
 Sarah Martinson

TROMBONE

Trevor Clayton,
Principal
 Steven Thuneman
 Victoria Bledsoe,
Bass trombone

TUBA

Mark Williams,
Principal
 Tyler Bledsoe

PERCUSSION

Noah Hagen,
Principal
 Eiden Pospisil
 Deven Inch

HARP

Aubrey Kraft,
Principal

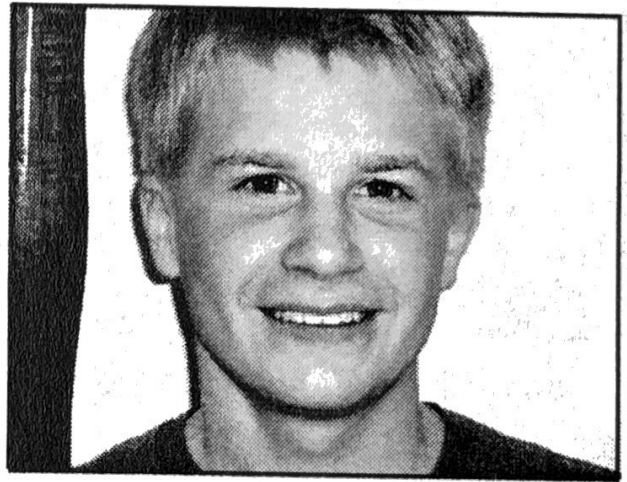
SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Molly Mew is a senior violinist at Eagle River High School where she is the first chair violinist of her school orchestra, and a first-year member of Anchorage Youth Symphony. She has performed at the state level of the Solo and Ensemble Festival. She also participates in a free lance string quartet and performs at weddings and other ceremonies in the community. Last summer she volunteered for a month in a children's hospital in Mongolia. She has earned the President's Volunteer Service Award for teaching children to ski, and she has written for the former teen section in the Anchorage Daily News called Perfect World. She enjoys traveling, reading, skiing and doing anything outdoors. She has plans to attend the University of British Columbia in the fall and hopes to become a travel writer and work as a nurse in the Doctors Without Borders organization.



MOLLY MEW

Kevin Shriver is a senior at South Anchorage High School. He is a four-year bassoonist with the Anchorage Youth Symphony. He was a member of the Anchorage Junior Youth Symphony in 2003-2006, and participated in All-State Band and All-State Orchestra four years from 2005-2008. He was selected for first chair in All-State Band in '07 and '08. He performed with Anchorage Symphony Orchestra and Anchorage Civic Orchestra in 2007.



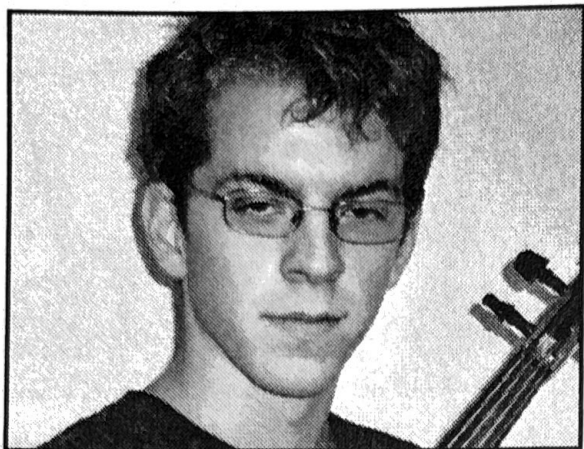
KEVIN SHRIVER

Jannah Morton is a senior member of Anchorage Youth Symphony where she has been a cellist for four years, occupying the Principal chair for three years. She performed as a substitute cellist in the Anchorage Symphony Orchestra in the 08-09 season. She began the study of cello in the sixth grade and has garnered numerous awards and recognitions since then, including a solo in the 2008 Solo and Ensemble Festival Command Performance, performing in the All-Northwest Honors orchestra in 2007, and winning the 2008 Anchorage Civic Orchestra concerto competition in 2008. She is presently enrolled in the Alaska Pacific University Early Honors Program and will receive her high school diploma and complete her first year of college work at the same time this spring. She likes good books, good food, and good movies. She says "sleep is too elusive to be considered a hobby." She plans to pursue a college degree in political science.



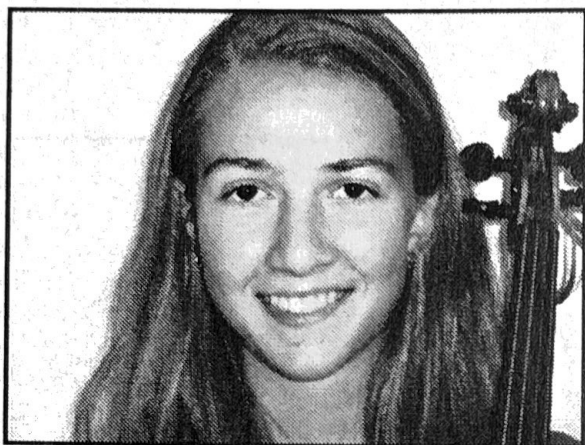
JAMNAH MORTON

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT



GREGORY HALL

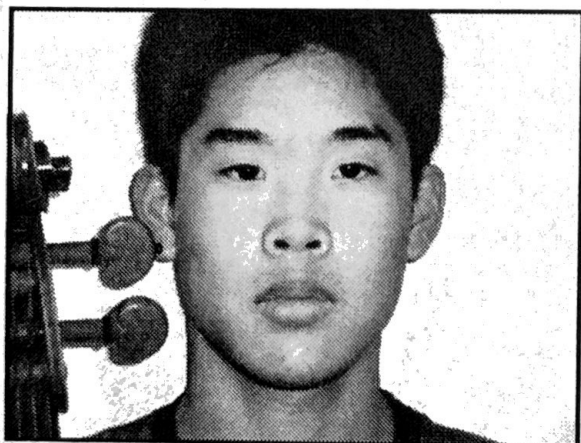
Greg Hall is a three-year member of the Anchorage Youth Symphony viola section, and a senior at Eagle River High School. He is a two-time Science Olympiad National Champion, and valedictorian of his class. He enjoys competitive swimming, building robots, and audio equipment. He will be attending Stanford University majoring in engineering.



MOLLY LARSEN

Molly Larsen is a four-year member of the Anchorage Youth Symphony viola section. She played in the West High Orchestra for two years. She received a '1' in viola solo her freshman and sophomore years at both the Regional and State Solo and Ensemble Festivals. She has been captain of the West High Varsity Ski Team for two years, is president of the West High Green team, an Honor Roll member, silver medallist at the Russian Olympiad competition and Russian National Essay competition. She enjoys cross country skiing, running, playing ultimate Frisbee with her friends,

hiking, camping, kayaking, sailing and traveling. She also enjoys commercial salmon fishing on Kodiak Island. She plans to travel the world for a year before enrolling in college.



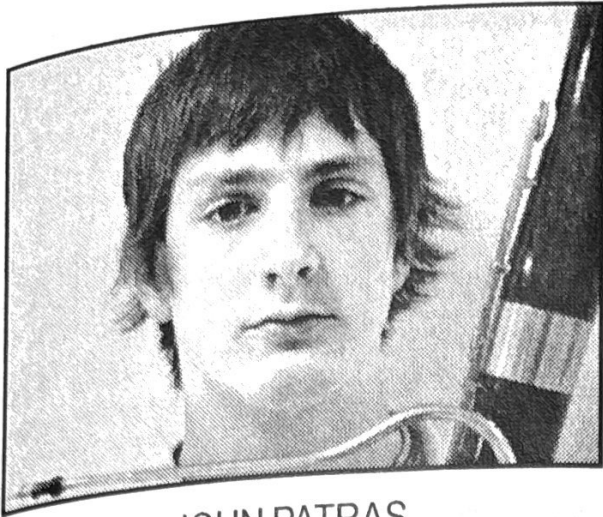
LUKE PARK

Luke Park is a senior at West High School and a four-year member of the Anchorage Youth Symphony cello section. He lettered in music and participated in All-State Orchestra one year. He likes reading, sports, and video games. He plans to attend college outside of Alaska.

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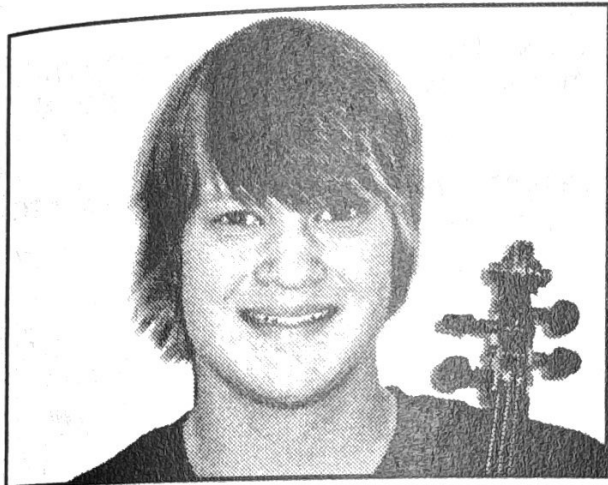
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SENIOR SPOTLIGHT



JOHN PATRAS

John Patras is a four-year member of the Anchorage Youth Symphony bassoon section and a senior at Chugiak High School.



NATE BERRY

Nate Berry is a four-year violinist in the Anchorage Youth Symphony and a senior at West High School.

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Speaking of Maestro Li, daughter Christine Harada-Li, winner of the Anchorage Youth Symphony Concerto Competition, performed the first movement of the Mendelssohn Violin Concerto with the AYS on Tuesday. The beautiful spring weather may have been on the minds of some players, or perhaps they were thinking of their upcoming trip to play in the Sydney Opera House. But their performance, while good, was more distracted and ragged than they sounded in concerts earlier this season.

The Mendelssohn started off that way too. Even the soloist seemed to be off her game. But somewhere in the middle, the East High senior took full command of the instrument and, as if by magic, the other players followed suite. Her cadenza was excellent and the orchestra's playing from there to the end was spot on, drawing a standing ovation from the Discovery Theatre audience.

The program, which also included Kabalevsky's Overture

to "Colas Breugnon" and Howard Hanson's Symphony No. 2, had some unexpected accompaniment from the hall's ventilation system and a podium that squeaked whenever conductor Linn Weeda shifted his weight. Nonetheless, it made for ingratiating listening (especially the Hanson) and we wish them well on their long flight to Australia.