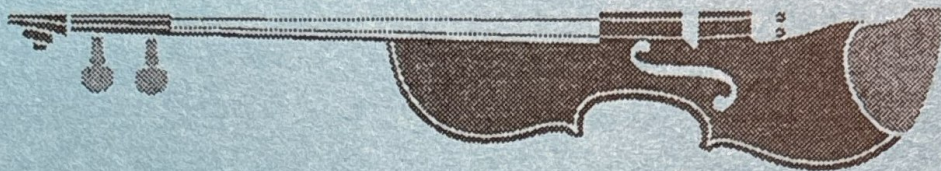


Anchorage Youth
SYMPHONY



Anchorage Youth Symphony

Linn Weeda, Music Director

Tuesday, November 19, 1996 at 7:30 p.m.
Discovery Stage, Alaska Center for the Performing Arts

Program

“All American”

American Salute Morton Gould

Five Eskimo Songs Craig Coray

- I. Reindeer Herder's Song
- II. Messenger - Feast Song
- III. Blanket - Toss Song
- IV. “I am Waiting for the Boat to Come”
- V. Women's Juggling Song

Lincoln Portrait Aaron Copland
Mayor Rick Mystrom, narrator

Intermission

Symphonic Sketches George Whitefield Chadwick

- I. Jubilee
- II. Noël

Hoedown from *Rodeo* Aaron Copland

The Anchorage Youth Symphony wishes to thank our coaches, whose expertise and dedication are an inspiration to our members. They are: Dawn Wohlgemuth & Dan Perry, violins; Shawne Stone, viola; Linda Ottum, cello; Mariam DeLap & Kristin Palmer bass; Roxann Berry, flute; Sharman Piper, oboe; Karl Pasch, clarinet; Hal Nonneman, bassoon; Dan Heynen, horn; Kevin Kerns, trombone & tuba; Greg Holloway, percussion.

Anchorage Youth Symphony History

The need for an orchestra for the youth of Anchorage was recognized in the early 1960's by many individuals. Early forerunners of what became known as the Anchorage Youth Symphony were organized and conducted by such prominent local musicians and educators as Kurt Pasch, Jean (Ray) Bruhn, Charles Gorsuch and Marlow Thomas. The orchestra from this earliest period drew from the young musicians being 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 Youth Symphony. As the School District music program grew, so developed the Youth Symphony. As its music director, he oversaw the expansion of opportunities to perform throughout the state, and our reputation grew steadily. Later, the Elementary Honor Orchestra and Band, as well as the Junior High Honor Orchestra were added to the district's program. They are still funded and associated with the School District, whereas the Anchorage Youth Symphony is now an independent organization, governed by a board of directors. Mr. Pinkerton retired in 1978.

Dewey Ehling replaced Frank Pinkerton as music director of both the 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 Hawaii, California, and Washington D.C.

In 1986 and 1987, the orchestra was led by Linn Weeda - a product of the Youth Symphony in those early years. The orchestra toured and performed in New York City at Lincoln Center during his tenure. The organization gradually moved to a more independent status as the funding for the orchestra through the school district began to decline.

In 1988, the orchestra was led by John Duff of Fairbanks. During his tenure, the orchestra toured to Scotland. He was succeeded in 1991 by Russell Guyver, a professor of music at University of Alaska Anchorage. Mr. Guyver instituted a series of retreats to encourage the social interaction of members, as well as concerts to the Matanuska Valley. It was during this period that all funding from the School District was curtailed, and the orchestra became completely independent.

Linn Weeda was again engaged to be the music director in 1992, and has been so since. He is on the faculty of UAA, assistant conductor and principal trumpet in the Anchorage Symphony, and has an active private music studio.

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), 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 Valley. In previous years, students flew in to rehearse with us from Kodiak and Kenai.

The Symphony is sponsored by the Anchorage Youth Symphony Association and is 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 School District, with classes in orchestra, band and chorus given at the elementary, junior and senior high level. Because of its early history, as well as the belief that great music played well instills in young people the attitude of discipline and exposes them to the joy of great ideas, it is the philosophy of the Youth Symphony to encourage and support the music program within the schools.

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VIOLIN I

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FLUTE

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BASSOON

Lisa Corso, Principal
Amber Rose
Erin McCarthy

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Alison McCarrey,
Principal
Beth Giessel
Eli Corin
Alix Partnow
Michael Wegscheider

TRUMPET

Dayn Arnold, Principal
Erik Carlson
Grant Bryan
Danny Whitfield

TROMBONE

Karl Huth, Principal
William Newman
Brian Dwiggin

TUBA

Brad Lowery

PERCUSSION

Daniel Corral
Justin Garretson
Alex Jefferies
Jacques Willis

PIANO

Maia Nolan

*On leave of absence

1996-1997 Season

Anchorage Youth Symphony

November 19, 1996 at 7:30 p.m.

CONCERT ONE in Discovery Theater, PAC

American Salute Morton Gould
Five Eskimo Songs Craig Coray
Lincoln Portrait Aaron Copland
Mayor Rick Mystrom, narrator
Symphonic Sketches George Whitefield Chadwick
Hoedown from *Rodeo* Aaron Copland

December 10, 1996 at 7:30 p.m.

CONCERT TWO with AJHYS in Discovery Theater, PAC

Music of the season from our recording - Repertoire TBA

February 25, 1997 at 7:30 p.m.

CONCERT THREE, with AJYSO in Discovery Theater, PAC

Overture to *Ruslan and Ludmilla*.....Mikhail Glinka
Academic Festival Overture.....Johannes Brahms
Hungarian Sketches.....Bela Bartok
Bacchanale from *Samson et Dalila*.....Camille Saint-Saëns

April 29, 1997 at 7:30 p.m.

CONCERT FOUR in Discovery Theater, PAC

Academic Festival Overture.....Johannes Brahms
Hungarian Sketches.....Béla Bartók
Totentanz.....Franz Liszt
Timothy Smith, piano soloist
Symphony No. 6.....Ludwig van Beethoven