

Anchorage Youth Symphony

Tuesday, February 26, 2002 at 7:30PM

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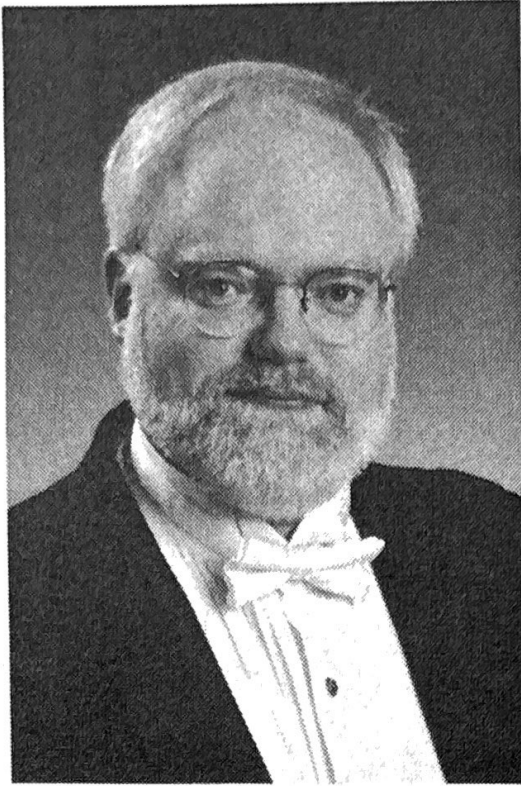
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Linn Weeda, Music Director

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

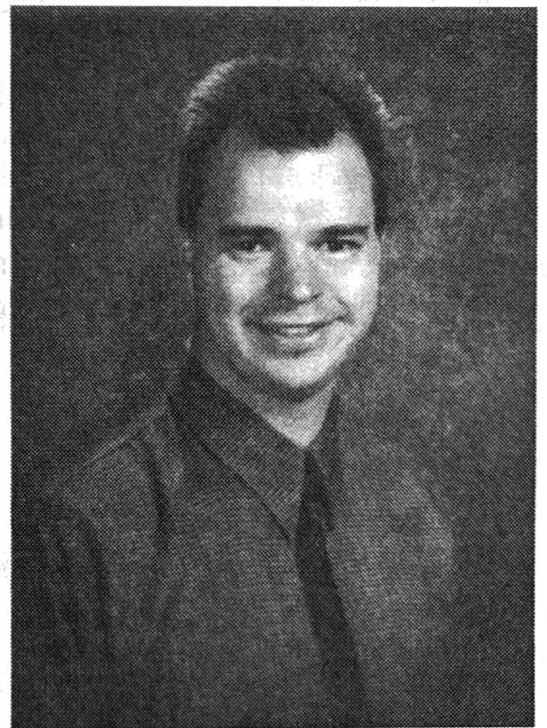
Bernadette Boring was born and raised in Detroit, Michigan. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Music Education from Wayne State University and a Master of Liberal Arts Degree from Alaska Pacific University/Southern Methodist University. Additionally, Ms. Boring has studied at Penn State University 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
Dianne Collins - W
Kristine Gonzales - M
Alice Kim - H
Yeorim Kim - R
Yong Yun Kim - H
Justin Lee - H
Katie Munter - GV
Jamie Waldock - H
Anastasia Ward - H
*Whitney Yang - C
Emily Rush - FP

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

Brady Byers - M

Key:

C Central
FP Family Partnership Charter School
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
 Tiffany Stewart
 Jasmine Hung
 Elan Wong
 Anna Remillard
 Ann Wood
 Yin Tong
 Erin Swieter
 Martha Leffek
 Robert Yoon
 Melissa Weiler

Violin II

Allison Davis
 Principal
 Christina Layne
 Danielle Bachman
 Elliott Larsen
 Yuta Sato
 Elyse Yeager
 Jay Han
 Justin Lee
 Lizzie DeYoung
 Nancy Tcheou
 Kaity Morris
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 Shannon Kuhn
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Viola

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

Cello

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

String Bass

Joshua Wilson
 Principal
 Marla Smithhisler
 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

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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PROGRAM

ANCHORAGE YOUTH PRESENT:

ANCHORAGE JUNIOR YOUTH SYMPHONY

Bernadette Boring, conductor
Brendan Wilson, conductor

- Suite Henry Purcell, arr. by Edmund Siennicki
- I. Air
 - II. Variations
 - III. March
- El Relicario Jose Padilla, arr. by Merle Isaac
- Allemande and Bourree G. P. Telemann, arr. by Philip Gordon
- Sonata 84 Scarlatti, arr. by Frank Siekmann
- Londonderry Air with Variations arr. by Frederick Müller
- William Tell Overture (abridged) G. Rossini, arr. by Jerry Lehmeier

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ANCHORAGE YOUTH SYMPHONY

Linn Weeda, conductor

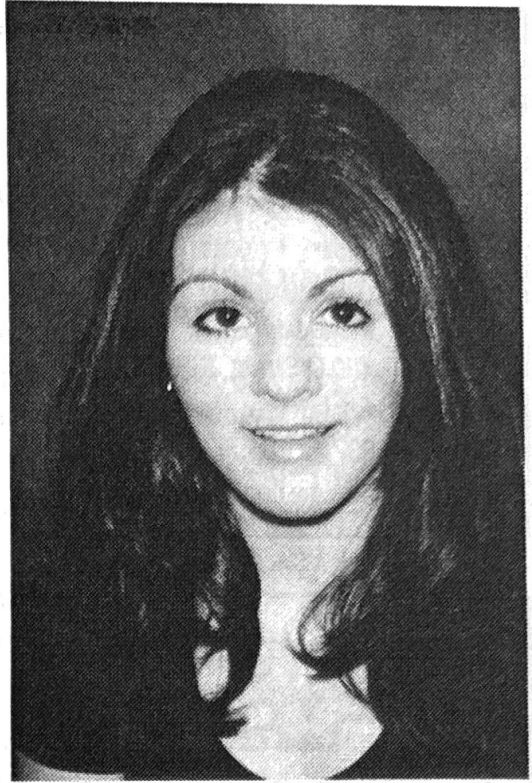
- Dona Nobis Pacem R. Vaughan Williams
- Sydnee Waggoner, soprano
Steven Dixon, baritone

SOLOIST BIOGRAPHIES

Sydnee Waggoner is a fifteen year old freshman attending East High School's School-Within-A-School. She is currently performing in East High's production of *West Side Story*. Sydnee studies voice with Dr. Marlene Titus Bateman. In addition to her vocal training, Sydnee plays violin and piano, and also dances with Barbara's School of Dance.

Sydnee has performed locally with the Anchorage Community Theatre's musical theatre productions of *Oklahoma!*, *Camelot*, *Wizard of Oz* and *Music Man*, and has played dramatic roles in *The Children's Hour* and *To Kill A Mockingbird*. She has also performed locally in Handel's *Messiah*, the Fur Rondy Talent Competition and the Alaska State Fair. Sydnee attended the Dallas Summer Musical's School of Musical Theatre where she studied voice and dance. In addition to her music and theatre productions, Sydnee composed a piece for piano last year which won local and state honors, and she was sent to Washington, D.C. as a finalist for the national PTA Reflections musical composition competition.

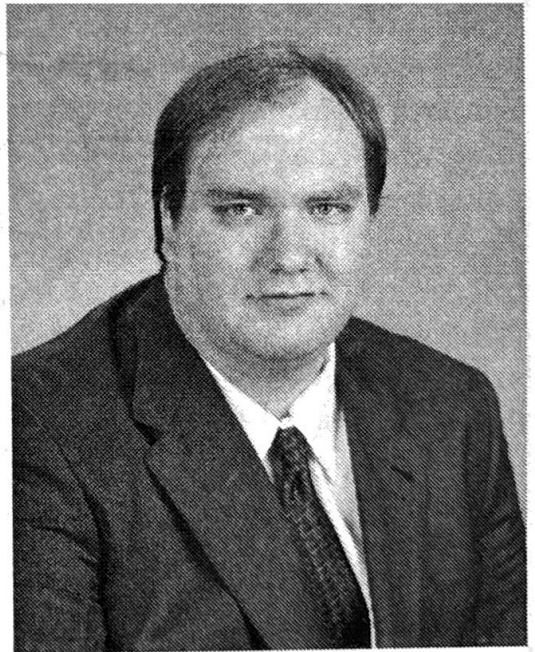
She enjoys playing soccer and studying French when she's not singing. Sydnee is thrilled to have this opportunity to sing with the Anchorage Youth Symphony.



Sydnee Waggoner

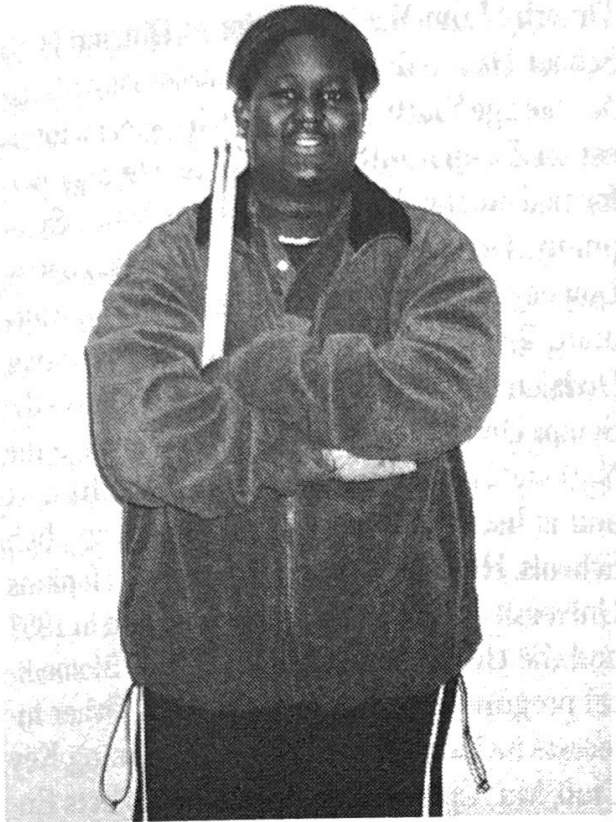
Baritone **Steven Dixon**, a Dimond High School graduate, pursued music at the University of Alaska, Fairbanks. Most recently he was an apprentice artist of Anchorage Opera's Studio Theatre, playing Dulcamara in *Elixir of Love*. He also played the Jailer in Anchorage Opera's *Tosca*.

Dixon has performed with various groups throughout Alaska, such as the Alaska Quartet, Fairbanks Light Opera Theater, Alaska Chamber Chorale, Alaska Camerata, and Theatre UAF. Roles over the past few years have included Papageno from *The Magic Flute*, Koko from the *Mikado*, and Wilfred Shadbolt from *Yeoman of the Guard*. He also performed Vaughan Williams' *Five Mystical Songs* assisted by the Choir of the North. Steven was the first place winner of the Alaskan 2001 NATS (National Association of Teachers of Singing) competition, and was a finalist for Fairbanks Symphony's 1999 Concerto competition.



Steven Dixon

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT



Loren Webb

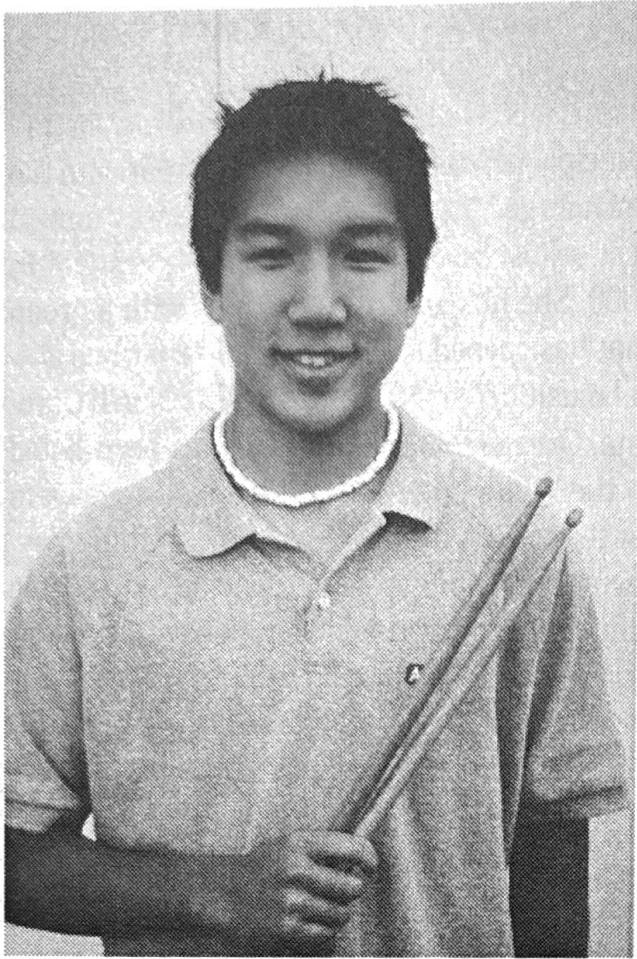
Loren Webb is a Bartlett High School senior and principal percussionist in her first year with the Anchorage Youth Symphony. She was named best soloist on the Mexican Cruise Festival in 2000. She has also played drums with a group that has opened for many world-renowned gospel music artists in their travels to North Carolina, Oregon, and Seattle. She has been listed in the Who's Who Among American Teenagers for three years in a row. She enjoys writing, playing and listening to music, and spending time with family and friends. Her plans after graduation include moving to North Carolina to further her music career and study for a degree in music education and sports medicine.



Katie McVey

Katie McVey, principal viola with the Anchorage Youth Symphony for 2 years, and a 3 year member of AYS, is a senior at East High School, where she plans to graduate in 3 years. She is currently a student member of the board of the Anchorage Youth Symphony. She has participated in All-state orchestra for 3 years and has received superior ratings in Solo & Ensemble competition since she was a freshman. She recently performed the solo part in Hindemith's *Trauermusik* with the East High Orchestra. In addition she has performed in the viola section of the Anchorage Symphony Orchestra the last 2 seasons. At school, she has been on the Honor Roll for 3 years, is a National Merit semi-finalist, a member of the Academic Decathlon team, has lettered in Academics and Orchestra, and has naturally blonde hair.

In addition, she has a band named "Thrill Kitten" in which she plays guitar and sings. The band writes a lot of songs about boys and has groupies. She plans to study music in college majoring in viola performance or as she says, "Maybe the whole band thing will work out!"



Timothy Lum-Yee

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Timothy Lum-Yee is a senior at Dimond High School. He is a first year percussionist with the Anchorage Youth Symphony with special interest in Tympani and Xylophone. He also performed in the Anchorage Junior Youth Symphony. He won 1st place in the Marguerite Downey Memorial piano competition Intermediate Division in 1996, 3rd place in the Junior Division in 2000, and Honorable Mention in the Senior Division in 2001. He is a member of the National Honor Society, Anchorage Youth Court and is listed in Who's Who in American High Schools. He participated in the Johns Hopkins University CTY/CAA summer program in 1997 and the University of Alaska UDOC Biomedical program in the summer of 2001. Other interests include swimming, tennis, running, Key Club, Mu Alpha Theta, and Green Effects Environmental Club. He plans to study medicine in the future.

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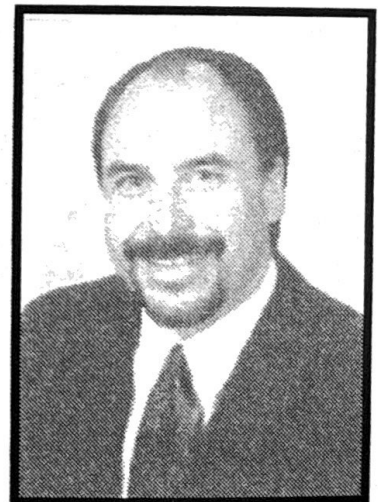
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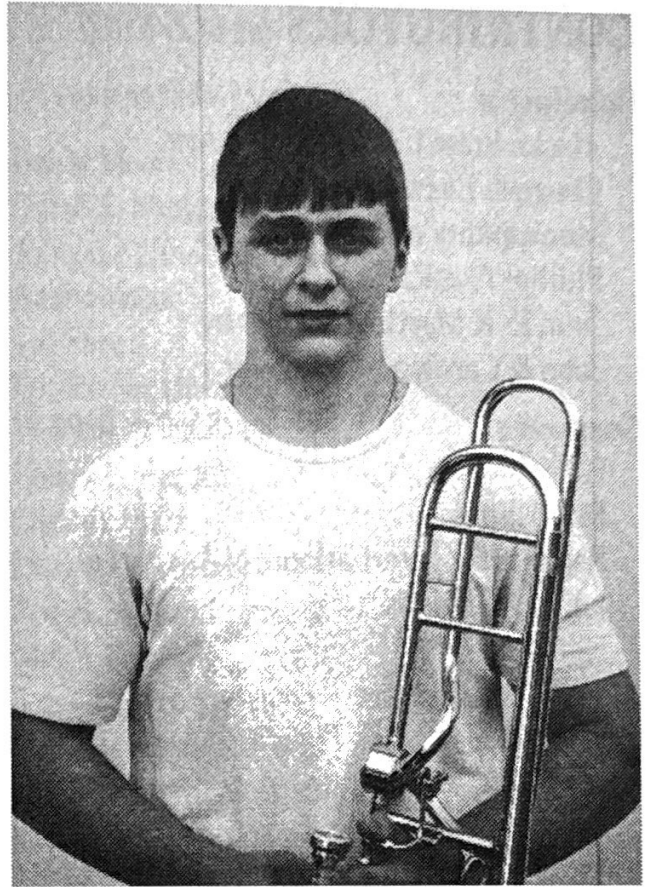
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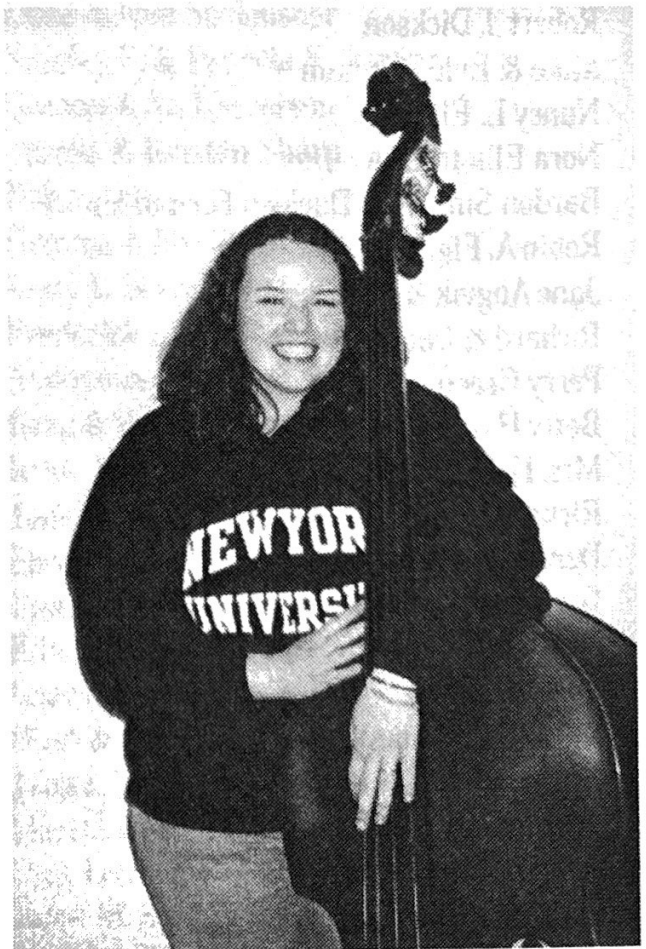
SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Jason Woscek is a 1st year trombone player in the Anchorage Youth Symphony and a senior at Chugiak High School. He has lettered in band at Chugiak for 3 years and has been in the Chugiak jazz band the last 2 years. He is on the honor roll at Chugiak, and received a track and field award his junior year in shotput and discus. He is also first chair in the UAA Jazz Ensemble and 2nd chair in the UAA Wind Ensemble. He plans to attend college majoring in sports medicine while continuing to pursue his interest in the trombone.



Jason Woscek

Marla Smithhisler is a senior at Service High School and a 4 year string bass player in the Anchorage Youth Symphony. She is the principal bass player in the Service High School Orchestra. She has performed in the All-state orchestra for the past 3 years. She is also a member of the Anchorage Civic Orchestra. She played in the pit orchestra for Service High's recent production of *Oliver*. She is a student member of the Anchorage Youth Symphony board. For 3 years she has participated in the Service Drama, Debate and Forensics team. She is a member of the National Honor Society. Future plans include college, traveling and possibly studying music in Europe.



Marla Smithhisler

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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.

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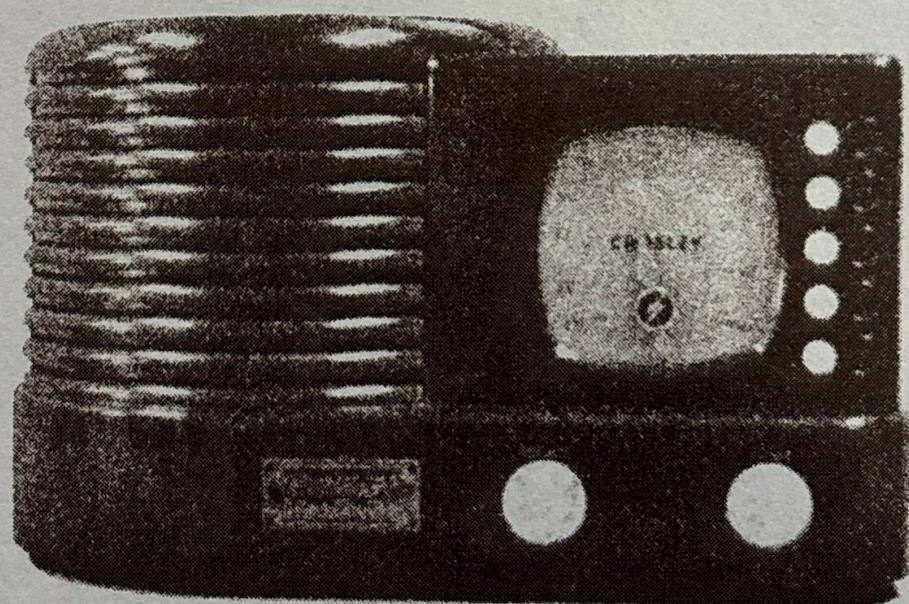
CONCERT Tuesday, May 7, 2002, 7:30 P.M., Discovery Theatre, Alaska Center for the Performing Arts.

This concert will feature Dr. Lee Wilkins, former member of the Anchorage Youth Symphony, and now a professor of music at Eastman School of Music. He will be featured in Tchaikovsky's *Concerto for Violin and Orchestra*.

AUDITIONS for the 2002-2003 Anchorage Youth Symphony season are Monday May 13, 2002. About April 1, check with your teachers for audition music and requirements. If your teacher does not have the information, please call the Anchorage Youth Symphony message phone, 566-7297, leave your name, phone number and instrument and we will make sure the music gets to you.

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