

Anchorage Youth Symphony

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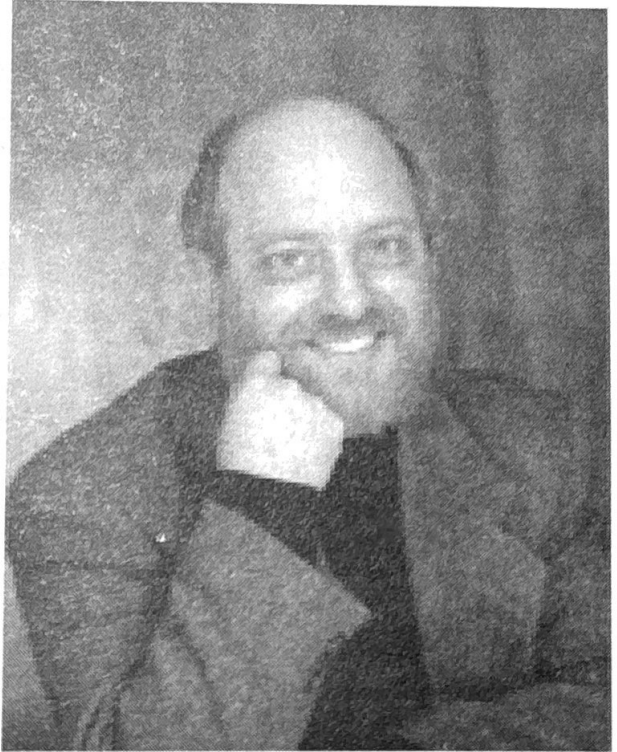
Rhapsody and More



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GUEST ARTIST BIOGRAPHY

Dean Epperson moved from Los Angeles, California with his family at age four to a homestead in Anchor Point, Alaska where he received his early musical training from his mother. Upon graduating from Homer High School, Dean earned his undergraduate degree in music from the University of Alaska, Fairbanks and his Master's Degree in music at the Peabody Conservatory of Music in Baltimore, Maryland.



Dean Epperson

Mr. Epperson has performed numerous concerts throughout Alaska as both soloist and chamber musician. He has appeared as guest soloist with the Anchorage Chamber Symphony, the Anchorage Civic Orchestra, and the Kenai Peninsula Orchestra. Long-time friends since college, Mr. Epperson and conductor, Linn Weeda, have frequently performed in recital, most recently in October of 2003.

As a teacher, he divides his teaching between a private piano studio in his home and teaching both class piano and private lessons at the University of Alaska, Anchorage. An active member of the Alaska Music Teachers Association, Mr. Epperson is committed to continuing education and professional development in piano teaching and is a dedicated musician whose love and devotion to music have inspired hundreds of students during his teaching career.



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ANCHORAGE YOUTH SYMPHONY

Linn Weeda, conductor

Capriccio Espagnole Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov

1. Alborada
2. Variazioni
3. Alborada
4. Scena e canto gitano
5. Fandango asturiano: Alborada

Selections from Swan Lake Peter Tchaikovsky

1. Scene (Act II, Scene 1)
2. Waltz (Act I, Scene 1)

Selections from the Firebird (1919) Igor Stravinsky

1. Ronde des Princesses
2. Danse infernale du roi Kastchéi; Berceuse and Finale

INTERMISSION

Renaissance Dances from Dansereye of 1551 Teilman Susato, arr. L. Weeda
(World Premier)

1. Pavanne 'La Battaile'
2. Ronde (Mon Amy)
3. Ronde/Salterelle
4. Basse Danse Bergeret/Ronde
5. Bransle Quatre Bransles
6. Pavanne (Si par Souffrir)
7. La Morisque

Rhapsody in Blue George Gershwin
Dean Epperson, piano

ANCHORAGE YOUTH SYMPHONY

Violin I

Erika Beheim
Concertmaster
 Amanda Kerr
 Martha Leffek
 Danielle Bachman
 Elizabeth Dickenson
 Matt Crimp
 Anna Remillard
 Matt Smith
 Whitney Yang
 Christopher Scherer
 Richard Regacho
 Christina Layne
 Lesley Lepley
 Kaity Morris
 Zarissa Cline
 Isaac Park
 Justin Lee
 Chris Chong

Violin II

Marty Kenney
Principal
 Jae Gyun Kim
 Hyunseung Kang
 Lizzie DeYoung
 Jae Han
 Jing Liu
 Jennifer Sullivan
 Yeorim Kim, also piano
 Amy Bradford
 Ji-Min Hwang
 Mari Rueter
 Shannon Kuhn
 Eric Rodgers
 Alicia Godersky

Viola

Britta Helm
Principal
 Brita Johnson
 Gretchen Wellman
 Lauren Bachman
 Kara Beard
 Anson Moxness
 Jesse Chang
 Morgan Jessee
 Molly Aqua
 Matthew Park
 Kaeli Braden

Cello

Kara Davis
Principal
 Paul Swanson
 Laura Lundell
 Blake Langdon
 Brandon Park
 Ryan Manwaring
 Elizabeth Knapp
 Krystal Pickering
 Christina Waters
 Denali Brothers
 Justin Birchell

String Bass

Nora Smithhisler
Principal
 Janie Cowan
 Ryan Brown
 Paul Senner

Flute

Kimberlee Kogane
Principal
 Fiona Rose Worcester
 Sarah Aarons, also piccolo
 Sarah Gollub, also piccolo

Oboe

Evan Privoznik
Principal
 Jean Falconer
 Gillian Denton
 Margo Archey

Clarinet

Paul Scherer
Principal
 Xavier Engle
 Karl Beheim
 Alicia Budahl
 Greta Astrup

Bassoon

Laura Brudzinski
Principal
 Megan Bledsoe, also harp
 Catherine Johnston

Horn

Kelley Coker
Principal
 Katie Munter
 Ben Martinson
 Cailin Denton

Trumpet

Mike Mintz
Principal
 Ashley Baranow
 Carrie Stillman

Trombone

Ryan Murphy
Principal
 Alexander Edwards
 Mike Sims

Tuba

Connie Golding
Principal

Percussion

Tommy East
Principal

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Thanks to **Lee Wilkins** for sponsoring the Concertmaster Chair for two seasons, and thanks to **Lori Privoznik** for sponsoring the Principal Oboe Chair

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Evan Privoznik is a senior at Service High School where he has been principal oboe in the Symphonic Band for three years, and a four year member of the Anchorage Youth Symphony oboe section serving as principal the last two seasons. He also plays English Horn. While in junior high school he was a member of the Anchorage Junior Youth Symphony. He competed in State Solo and Ensemble competition the last two seasons, and was awarded command performance in 2002. He has also played oboe and English Horn in school musicals "Oliver" and "Oklahoma." In addition he played alto saxophone in the Service High Jazz Band for the last two years and currently serves as president of that organization. He has been playing piano since first grade, attempted bassoon for a summer, and started playing guitar this past year. He has written several songs and enjoys teaching beginning oboe students. He attended the John Mack Oboe Camp in Carmel, California, in 2002.



Evan Privoznik

Other interests include playing Service High football for four years, and being a member of his church youth group leadership team. He loves the Alaskan outdoors, hanging with his friends, watching endless hours of the Simpsons, and wiener dogs. He was accepted at all seven colleges to which he applied and hasn't yet decided where he will go. He plans to major in music performance, and perhaps also music composition. He hopes to become the next John Williams.

He wishes to thank Hal Nonneman, Darrel Kincade and Linn Weeda for their guidance and leadership in helping him to become the musician he hopes to be.

"The European boys have small ideas but they sure know how to dress 'em up."
George Gershwin

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Lesley Lepley is a senior at East High School and a three year member of the Anchorage Youth Symphony violin section. She was principal second in AYS last season, and has led the violin section in the East High Orchestra for three years.

Lesley began playing the violin in the sixth grade, and became a member of the Elementary Honor Orchestra after playing only a month. She went on to become a member of the Anchorage Junior Youth Symphony in seventh and eighth grades. In eighth grade, she earned superior ratings in the Solo and Small Ensemble competition. She also participated in the All State Music Festival the last three seasons.

One of her non-music interests is journalism. This past year she caught a glimpse of her prospective career by completing a journalism mentorship at the Anchorage Daily News where she wrote for Perfect World, the student composed section of the Daily News.

Most people know Lesley as loud, overly cheerful and hyperactive, and as an individual who enjoys running in addition to playing violin and writing. She has a 4.1 grade point average and plans to graduate summa cum laude. She plans to attend UAA in the fall and to audition for the Anchorage Symphony Orchestra.

Kara Beard is a senior at Dimond High School and a four year member of the Anchorage Youth Symphony viola section. She participated in State Solo and Ensemble competition her freshman and sophomore years. She has been a Key Club member for four years and is on the junior varsity tennis team this year. She loves the Alaskan outdoors, photography and playing with her cat, Tango. She plans to attend UAA or UAF in the fall studying psychology and/or journalism.



Lesley Lepley



Kara Beard

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Erika Beheim will be graduating from the Family Partnership Charter School this spring. She is a four year member of the Anchorage Youth Symphony violin section where this year she serves as Concertmaster. She has also been performing with the Anchorage Symphony Orchestra for the last two seasons. Other music honors include performing in the State Solo and Ensemble festival for three years and also in the All State Orchestra. In 2002 she was the winner of the state wide Music Teachers National Association string competition. She won the 2003 Anchorage Civic Orchestra Concerto competition which entitled her to perform as guest soloist with the Anchorage Civic Orchestra. For two summers she was enrolled at the Madeline Island (Wisconsin) Chamber Music Camp. She was at the National Symphony Orchestra Summer Music Institute in Washington, D.C. one summer. She is currently enrolled in Alaska Pacific University's Early Honors program completing her first year of college at the same time she is finishing high school. She enjoys playing piano as well as violin, and has plans to continue her college studies.



Erika Beheim

Cailin Denton is a senior at Dimond High School, a three year member of the French horn section in the Anchorage Youth Symphony and a four year member of the Dimond High Symphonic Band. In 2003 she participated in the All State Music Festival. In addition she has participated three years in the Z-club (community service), three years in the Model United Nations, three years in Mu Alpha Theta math society, and also in the Anchorage Youth Court. Her hobbies include tennis and swimming. She plans to take prerequisites next year at UAA for an ultrasound program leading to a future certification in ultrasound technology at Bellevue Community College in the state of Washington.



Cailin Denton

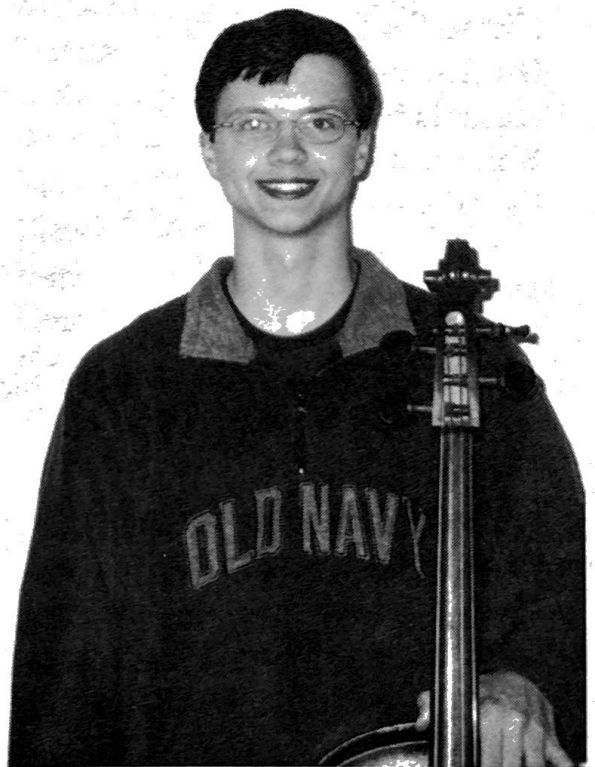
SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Ji Min Hwang is a senior at West High School and a first year member of the Anchorage Youth Symphony violin section. She has won a West High Concert Orchestra letter and participated in All State. She also plays principal in her church orchestra. She also enjoys playing piano. She plans to attend college and major in nursing and music education. She hopes to pursue her dream in music and to perform someday with the Anchorage Symphony Orchestra.



Ji Min Hwang

Paul Swanson is a senior at Chugiak High School and a two year member of Anchorage Youth Symphony. He has played solos at the district level for four years receiving a two each time. He has also performed three years each at the state solo competition and at All State. He has been on the Honor Roll eight consecutive semesters in high school, and is co-captain of the rifle team. He's a self proclaimed computer nerd (and he says "proud of it") and also active in NJROTC as a Petty Officer 3rd class. After graduation, he hopes to do copious amounts of hiking, and attend UAF in Fairbanks working toward a computer science degree. In spite of considerable achievement, he says he "can't stand it" and hopes never to play the cello again.



Paul Swanson