



# Happy Birthday, Mozart!

Tribute to Mozart's 250th Birthday Anniversary

Anchorage Youth Symphony

7PM, Tuesday, May 2, 2006

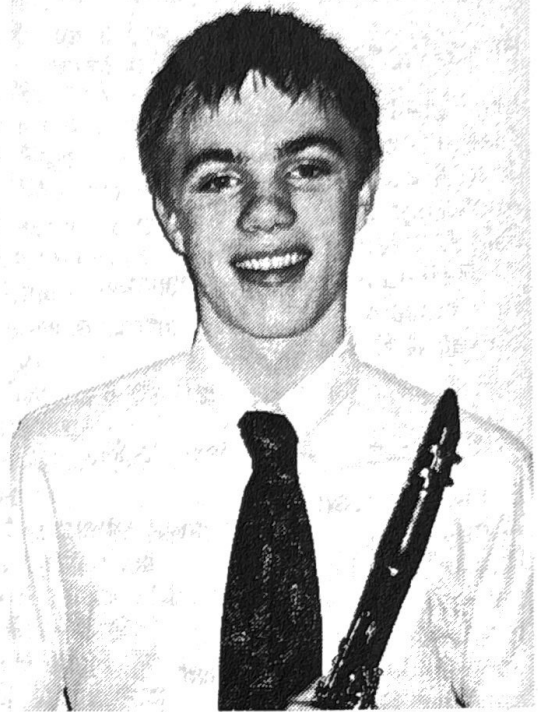
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## GUEST ARTIST KARL BEHEIM

Karl Beheim, 17, has been playing the clarinet for nearly eight years, first studying with his father, Chris Beheim, and later with Crystal Hanson. He comes from a musical family with both parents being members of the Anchorage Symphony Orchestra and his two sisters having served as concertmasters of the Anchorage Youth Symphony. Karl studies piano with Svetlana Velitchko and is principal clarinetist in the Anchorage Youth Symphony. His awards include first place in the State and Regional MTNA woodwind solo competitions for the Junior High School Division (2003), first place in the State MTNA competitions for the High School Division (2004, 2005), and second place in the Regional MTNA competition for the High School Division (2004, 2005), and first place in the Anchorage Civic Orchestra's concerto competition (2005) for which he performed the first movement of the Krommer clarinet concerto under the direction Tai Wai Li. In addition, he sat concertmaster of the Concert Band at Interlochen Arts Camp in 2004. Aside from music, Karl enjoys hiking, biking, snowboarding, and cross-country skiing. He is a junior at Family Partnership Charter School.



KARL BEHEIM

## GUEST ARTIST YEORIM KIM

Pianist Yeorim Kim was born in Busan, South Korea, in 1988. One day, she began expressing some interest in piano and started playing by herself at the age of three. However, she first understood music through violin. At the age of four, she began piano studies while continuing her violin training. She first performed at the age of five in the Korean Culture Performing Hall.

At nine years of age, she attended the Chamber Arts Festival in Kostomuksha, Russia. There, she took piano lessons from Elena ShiShiko and performed at Ten University. She has participated in numerous competitions such as in 1994 in the Korean National Young Artists Piano competition where she was awarded first place overall.

In 2002 she was awarded third place in the Downey piano competition in the senior division. In the same year she was announced the winner of the NAACP Youth Talent Show among many talented students.

In 2003 she won MTNA competition in junior piano. As part of her award, she advanced to the junior northwest division in Boise, Idaho. She also received first place in the senior Downey Piano competition.

Currently, she is a Junior at Service High school. She would like to thank her current teacher, Dr. Timothy Smith, for motivating her to enter the Anchorage Youth Symphony Mozart Competition.



YEORIM KIM

**IN HER OWN WORDS:** "People ask me, how do you play piano that fast, with your small hands? Then I answer, I don't play piano with my hands, I play piano with my heart. I am willing to play the piano with my whole heart to the people that I love and the people that love me."

## HISTORY

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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P R O G R A M

# Happy Birthday, Mozart!

**ANCHORAGE YOUTH SYMPHONY**

Linn Weeda, conductor

*Procession of the Nobles* from "Mlada" ..... Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov

*Suite Provençale* ..... Darius Milhaud

Animé

Trés Modéré

Modéré

Vif

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Lent

Vif

*Clarinet Concerto* ..... Wolfgang A. Mozart

Allegro

**Karl Beheim, Guest Artist**

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INTERMISSION

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*Overture* from "Candide" ..... Leonard Bernstein

*Piano Concerto No. 20* ..... Wolfgang A. Mozart

Allegro

**Yeorim Kim, Guest Artist**

*Symphony No. 2 in B minor* ..... Alexander Borodin

Allegro

Andante

Finale: Allegro

## VIOLIN I

Elizabeth Dickenson,  
*Co-Concertmaster*

Whitney Yang,  
*Co-Concertmaster*

Jae Kim,  
*Co-Ass't Concertmaster*

Christopher Scherer,  
*Co-Ass't Concertmaster*

Matt Crimp

Matt Smith

Emily Yen

Emily Cao

James Crimp

Alice Wong

Nate Berry

Kalia Yeagle

Isaac Park

Chris Chong

Gena Beam

Annie Livingston

Daniel Smith

Stephanie Jayich

## VIOLIN II

Amy Bradford

Daniel Lee

Hyunseung Kang

Caitlin Patterson

Ryan Jarvis

Anastasia Ward

Elizabeth Conway

Jessica Wetherell

Hyunkyung Kang

J. C. McKim

Minho Hyun

Anna Lovering

Tim Voves

Dylan Baker

Robert Suenram

Teddie Yune

Jamie Waldock

## VIOLA

Brita Johnson,  
*Principal*

Matthew Park

Chungsol Lee

Koree Guzman

Anson Moxness

Molly Larsen

Alexander Matson

Lauren Bachman

Jesse Chang

Chia-yu Chiang

Sarah Day

Robert Taylor

## ANCHORAGE YOUTH SYMPHONY

## CELLO

Elizabeth Knapp,  
*Principal*

Joy Kil

Jamnah Morton

Krystal Pickering

Luke Park

Jari Piper

Jonathan Genziano

Kamueku Kakizaki

Jasmine Saxby

Justin Birchell

Aristotle Baskous

## STRING BASS

Janie Cowan,  
*Principal*

Paul Senner

Heidi Herbert-Lovern

Haley Ford

Sam Guzauskas

Dylan Kutzer

Marty Kenney

## FLUTE

Sarah Gollub,  
*Principal*

Grant Hiekel

Jasmine Brown,  
*also piccolo*

Sarah Gerd,  
*also piccolo*

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## OBOE

Margo Archey,  
*Principal,*  
*also English horn*

Meredith Woodard

Elsa Dieckgraeff

Eli Schoenberg

## CLARINET

Karl Beheim,  
*Principal,*  
*also Eb clarinet*

Chi-Hyun Kim

Alicia Budahl

Elyse Shellenbaum

Erin McDuffie

## BASSOON

Laura Brudzinski,  
*Principal*

Catherine Johnston,  
*also contrabassoon*

Kevin Shriver

Quinn Langdon

John Patras

## HORN

Katie Munter,  
*Principal*

Christina Knapp

Ben Martinson

Melissa Lee

Meghan Bill

## TRUMPET

Mitchell Martineau,  
*Principal*

Katie Walther

Kelsey Ulrich

Adam Fredericksen

## TROMBONE

Ryan Murphy,  
*Principal*

Alexander Edwards

## BASS TROMBONE

Aric Kleppin

## TUBA

Constance Golding,  
*Principal*

Elizabeth Krauszer

## PERCUSSION

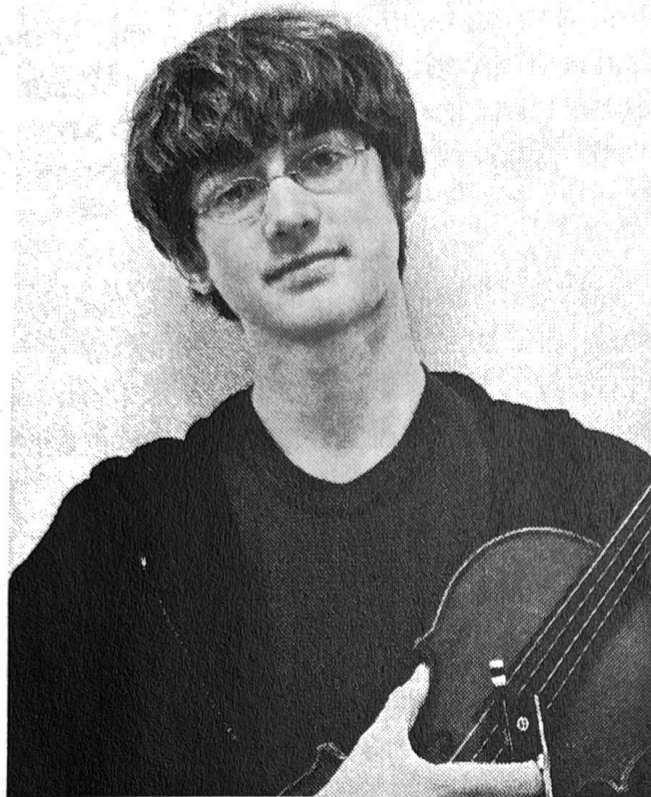
Marshall Carter,  
*Principal*

Mary Krauszer

## HARP

Aubrey Kraft,  
*Principal*

## SENIOR SPOTLIGHT



MATT SMITH

produced two well-reviewed sell-out CDs, has opened for both local and national acts, performed and given workshops throughout the state, and received a Presidential Service Award. Valedictorian of his high school class and winner of a Sieman Foundation math/science scholarship, Matt will be studying music and physics at Yale University in the fall. In the meantime, Matt will be arguing as part of the State Mock Trial Championship Team at the national tournament in Oklahoma City in May; using his fluent Spanish to trek in the Bolivian Andes in June; and "Playing for Peace" on the east coast with the Apple Hill Chamber Players and conservatory students from hotspots around the world in August. He is saving July to play ultimate Frisbee with the club he helped found in Eagle River.

Matt Smith, 17, a senior at Chugiak High School, has played first violin for Anchorage Youth Symphony for four years. He joined the Anchorage Symphony Orchestra as a first violin in the spring of 2004 and remains ASO's youngest member. He has won both classical and jazz violin competitions including the UAA Sinfonia and the Alaska State MTNA (Music Teacher's National Association) competitions for classical violin, and the national ASTA (American String Teachers Association) Alternative Strings Competition and the National Foundation for Advancement in the Arts Recognition and Talent Search for jazz violin. He has won numerous state fiddling competitions, and teaches jazz improvisation at the Anchorage City Folk Arts Camp. He is the founder of the string band, The Emeralds, which has



ALEX EDWARDS

Alex Edwards is a senior at East High School and a three year member of the trombone section in the Anchorage Youth Symphony. He participated in the All-State festival in 2003 and 2004, and placed first chair in 2004 as well as All-State Jazz first chair in 2004. He performed in All Northwest in 2004 and has a band letter. He is an AP scholar, placed first in the Fur Rondy photo contest, and was a medallist in the 2006 Science Olympiad. In addition to photography and jazz interests (Alaska Jazz Workshop), he likes camping and entomology and has insect collections. He plans to major in biology at UAA, continue in entomology graduate studies, and become a professional entomologist some day.

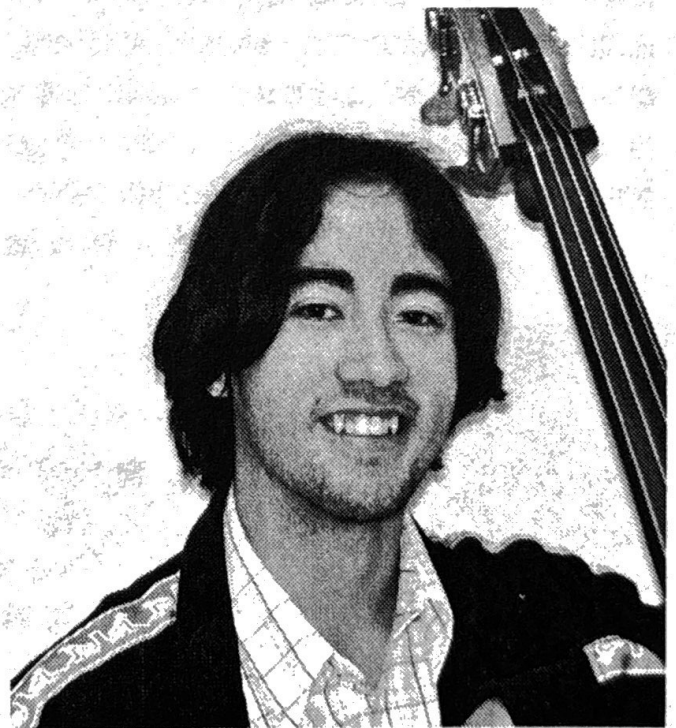
## SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Connie Golding is a senior at Dimond High School and a four year member of Anchorage Youth Symphony where she has been principal tubist for four years. She was also a member of the Anchorage Junior Youth Symphony for one year. She participated in the All-Sstate Festival for two years, and is an honorary member of the U.S. Army Field band, and has been a tuba mentor at the Fairbanks Summer Music Academy. She plays tuba in the Dimond High School pep and jazz bands, and has been principal tuba in the Dimond High School Symphonic Band for two years. She has a school band letter, an academic letter, silver star and gold star, was in the National Youth Leadership Conference in 2004, is completing her Girl Scout gold award, is president of the Media Literacy Club and secretary of the Dimond Model United Nations. Hobbies include talking about politics and Star Wars, doing homework, and playing Nintendo 64 with her best friend. In the fall she plans to attend George Washington University in Washington, D.C. majoring in history and minoring in political science and music. She hopes to return someday to Dimond High School and teach history and government.



CONNIE GOLDING

Soon to be a graduate of Palmer High School, Marty has had one heck of a time there. To pass the time, rather than fighting crime or taking drugs, he oddly decided to learn as many different instruments as he could. Already having started the violin at the age of four and the alto saxophone in the fifth grade, he was soon taken by the sounds of rock and roll and was hacking at a guitar in no time. Next on the list was discovering Jaco Pastorius, and a heightened interest in jazz. Just as he did at All-State, he has played violin in the Anchorage Youth Symphony for two years since his sophomore year, but didn't really dig it, and soon switched to upright bass (a MUCH more fun section to be in). He recently fell head over heels for the tuba and was one of three recipients of the "Best Dressed Tuba" award at the 2005 Tuba Christmas. After glancing at the price of Berklee's admission, Marty thinks that the University of Northern Colorado is a pretty nice place (he's going there, by the way). He loves to golf. Marty thinks that everyone should go out and buy the Cardigans' entire back catalogue, and he prefers Biggie over Tupac. Please don't hate him for that.



MARTY KENNEY

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT



SARAH DAY

Sarah Day is a senior at Palmer High School and a one year member of the Anchorage Youth Symphony viola section. She received a "1" rating at Region 5 Solo and Ensemble festival and plays in the Mat-Su Orchestra. She was third in diving in Region 5 and 9<sup>th</sup> in state diving competition. She is listed in Who's Who in American High Schools, has participated in the Presidential Classroom Future World Leaders Summit, and participated in Civil War trips in 2004 and 2006. Besides the Civil War and diving, her interests include being a peer helper, participating in student government, hiking and swimming. She is allergic to everything except chicken, rice and potatoes. She plans to attend UAF and become a history teacher at Palmer High School, open a bookstore, and be a Civil War re-enactor.



ELIZABETH DICKENSON

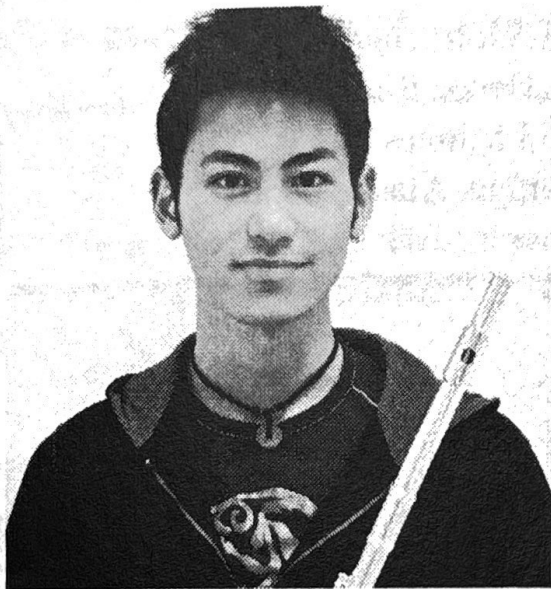
Elizabeth Dickenson has been playing violin since the early age of 3. By 4 she and her brother were often found "fiddling around" at various events in Anchorage. She homeschooled grades 5 to 8 to focus on music and returned to public school at East High because of its Fine Arts Department. Being a part of the School-Within-A-School program at East, Elizabeth has helped out with many of their numerous charity events along with her hectic music schedule. She is a four year member of Anchorage Youth Symphony and has been playing with the Anchorage Symphony for the past 3 seasons. She has served as East High's concertmaster since her sophomore year. In February she toured the country to audition at four music schools and plans to attain a Bachelor of Music degree in Violin Performance.

## SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Jae Kim is a senior at East High School and a three year member of Anchorage Youth Symphony's violin section. He was a violin solo winner and also in the winning string ensemble group in the state Solo and Ensemble competition (11<sup>th</sup> grade) and participated in All-State in 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades. He won first place in the Trig Star Math competition in 11<sup>th</sup> grade, won the Bausch & Lomb Honorary Science Award and iTest math competition, and was team captain of the team which placed 8<sup>th</sup> in the U.S. He is webmaster of the East High orchestra website (orchdorks.tk). Other interests include reading, photography, table tennis, soccer and website building. He plans to attend Princeton University studying electrical engineering or architecture with a minor in music performance.

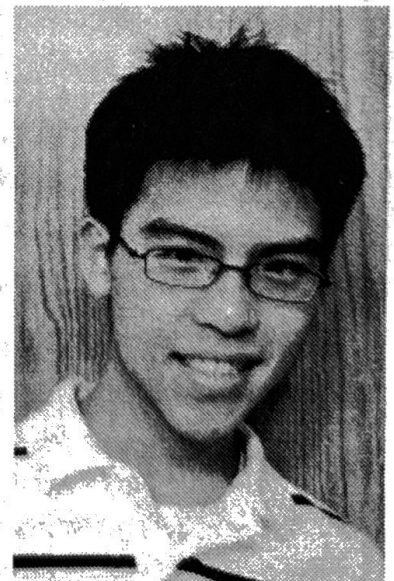


JAE KIM



GRANT HIEKEL

Grant Hiekel is a senior at South Anchorage High School and a two year member of the Anchorage Youth Symphony flute section. He participated in his second command performance at state Solo and Ensemble competition his sophomore year, and was principal flute at All-State Festival his junior and senior years. He is a member of the National Honor Society, and won a jump roping contest when he was nine. Other interests include photography, sketching, biology, and international travel. He works part time at a dog grooming facility. In college he plans to study molecular biology with plans to become involved in reconstructive surgery.



JESSE CHANG

Jesse Chang is a senior at East High School and is in his fourth year in the viola section of Anchorage Youth Symphony. He is principal viola in East High's orchestra where he is also secretary, and has won a superior rating in a quartet at Solo and Ensemble festival. He has played in the pit orchestra for his school's production of "Fiddler on the Roof." He has participated in All-State orchestra for four years. He is on the school honor roll, and a member of the National Honor Society and Mu Alpha Theta (math club). He has participated in the National Youth Leadership Forum, the Academic Decathlon, won AMCIO (math competition) his freshman year, and was dubbed the "Most Timid/Shy" superlative at East High. He enjoys his job at Century 16 theaters, likes to diagram sentences, and draw, doodle, and sketch, and likes art generally. He plans to attend UAA for one or two years and obtain required credits. Plans after that and a possible major are uncertain.



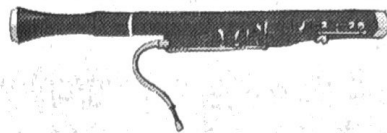
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