

Anchorage Youth SYMPHONY



Composers' Early Works

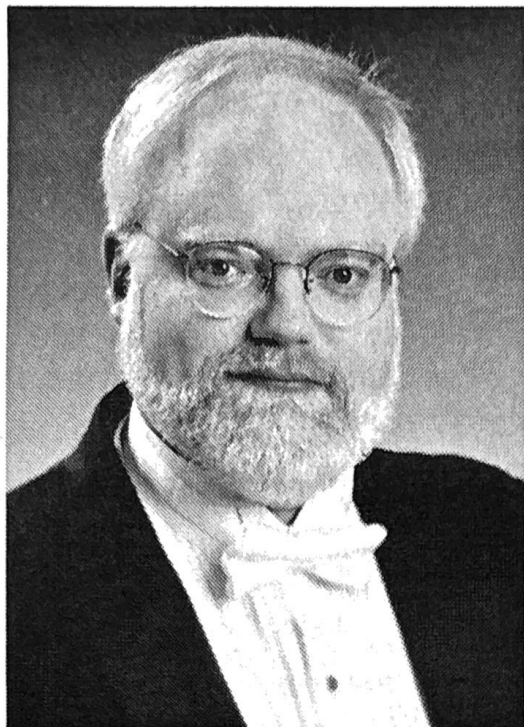
Anchorage Youth Symphony
Anchorage Junior Youth Symphony

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Discovery Theatre
Alaska Center for the Performing Arts

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LINN WEEDA
Music Director and Conductor

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, he 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 Orchestra, and has appeared with the Suwon Philharmonic in Korea, the University of Alaska Anchorage Wind Ensemble, and in New York recitals.

As a conductor Weeda 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 Orchestra in the annual Halloween concert and in Young People's Concerts.

Currently Weeda is Assistant Music Director and Principal Trumpet of the Anchorage Symphony, Principal Trumpet of the Anchorage Opera and the Anchorage Festival of Music.

In addition to his many credits as a performer, Weeda has taught a variety of music subjects in various settings ranging from marching band in public schools to university courses. He has taught at King's Lake Music Camp, University of Alaska Fairbanks 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.

**GUEST CONDUCTOR
GABRIELLE WILLIS**

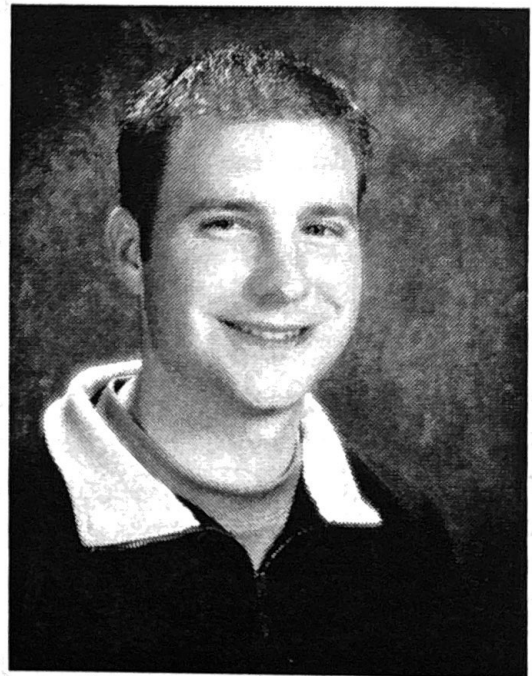
A lifelong Anchorage resident, violinist Gabrielle Willis is an alumna of the Elementary Honor Orchestra, Anchorage Junior Youth Symphony, and Anchorage Youth Symphony. She graduated from the University of Northern Colorado in 2001 with a Bachelor's Degree in Music Education. Currently, Gabrielle serves as Director of Orchestras at Bartlett and West High School. Additionally, she conducts the Hiland Mountain Correctional Center Orchestra (a group comprised entirely of female prison inmates). Aside from conducting, Gabrielle enjoys performing with the Anchorage Symphony and Opera Orchestras as well as her Klezmer trio, Ahava Raba.



GABRIELLE WILLIS

**GUEST CONDUCTOR
DANIEL WHITFIELD**

Daniel Whitfield is currently the band director at Service High School in Anchorage, Alaska. He has been teaching at Service for 3 years. As a trumpet player, Daniel has performed in numerous groups in Anchorage, including the Anchorage Jazz Ensemble, the Alaska Blaskapelle, and is currently the trumpet player in the ska band, Nervis Rex. He has performed with such artists as Bobby Shew, Pete Christlieb, and Don Sickler. Daniel graduated summa cum laude at Gonzaga University in 2003 with a B.A. in Music Education. Aside from music, Daniel coaches tennis at Service High School and the Alaska Club, and enjoys playing basketball in his spare time.



DANIEL WHITFIELD

OUR THANKS

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

Olesya Wain, *violin*

Lena Lukina-Shelt, *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*

Steve Alvarez, *percussion*

Joanna Mayer, *harp*

GUEST SINGER
MARLENE BATEMAN

Mezzo-soprano Marlene Bateman has been lauded by critics as "superb" and "stunning" in a wide range of concert and operatic repertoire. Ms. Bateman's concert credits include Bach's St. Matthew Passion & St. John Passion, Mozart's Requiem and Coronation Mass, the Verdi Requiem, and Corigliano's Fern Hill. Ms. Bateman has been featured as guest soloist with the Anchorage Symphony, the Fairbanks Symphony, the Kenai Peninsula Orchestra, the Austin Symphony, Anchorage Opera, Opera Fairbanks, Alaska Dance Theater, Anchorage Festival of Music, the Alaska Chamber Singers, and the Anchorage Concert Chorus.



MARLENE BATEMAN

In addition to her concert performances, Ms. Bateman has enjoyed success in more than 20 operatic roles, including the roles of Carmen and Dido. The mezzo has garnered praise for her mellifluous tone, versatility, and her animated characterizations.

In December, Ms. Bateman will perform a recital at the Ukrainian Institute in New York City with soprano Kate Egan & pianist Juliana Osinchuk. Bateman, Egan, and Osinchuk have recorded a CD of duets for soprano & mezzo with piano accompaniment and plan its release in 2008. Other upcoming events for Bateman include an appearance as featured soloist with the Kenai Peninsula Orchestra for their 25th Anniversary season celebration.

Ms. Bateman holds a Doctor of Musical Arts degree from the University of Texas at Austin. Dr. Bateman has served on the voice faculty at the University of Alaska in Anchorage and at Southwestern University in Georgetown, Texas. The mezzo currently lives with her husband, Ron Bateman, in Anchorage.

FUTURE EVENTS for the ANCHORAGE YOUTH SYMPHONY

CONCERT Tuesday, February 26, 2008, Discovery Theatre 7 P.M. AYS will perform Prokofiev's *Lt. Kije Suite*, *Finlandia* by Sibelius, and the finale of Tchaikovsky's *Symphony No. 2*. The Anchorage Junior Youth Symphony will also perform.

CONCERT Tuesday, May 6, 2008, Discovery Theatre 7 P.M. This is the final concert in our subscription series for this season. This concert will feature the winner from the January 2008 concerto competition as well as the complete Tchaikovsky *Symphony No. 4*.

AUDITIONS for the 2008-2009 season are Monday, May 12, 2008 for all instruments. Violins (only) will be heard three days, on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday May 12, 13 and 14, 2008. All auditions will be heard at East High School Music department. About April 1, please email us at ancys@juno.com for an audition appointment. If more convenient, call us at 566-7297 for an audition appointment. Please speak clearly and leave your name, number, and instrument on the message. You may download the required audition music along with information about additional requirements from the AYS web site www.anchorageyouthsymphony.org. If you are not able to download the required audition music, we can mail you a copy.

P R O G R A M

Composers' Early Works

ANCHORAGE JUNIOR YOUTH SYMPHONY

Gabrielle Willis and Daniel Whitfield, Conductors

Star Spangled Banner John Stafford Smith, arr Damrosch
Conducted by Mr. Whitfield

The Sound and the Fury Robert W. Smith
Conducted by Ms. Willis

A Folk Fantasia Walter Watson

"Jupiter, Bringer of Jollity" from *The Planets* Gustav Holst, arr Vernon Leidig
Conducted by Mr. Whitfield

Romany Dances Elliot Del Borgo
Conducted by Ms. Willis

INTERMISSION

ANCHORAGE YOUTH SYMPHONY

Linn Weeda, Conductor

Variations on "America" Charles Ives, orch William Schuman

Lieder eines fahrenden Gesellen Gustav Mahler

I. Wenn mein Schatz Hochzeit macht

II. Ging heut Morgen über's Feld

III. Ich hab' ein glühend Messer

IV. Die zwei blauen Augen

Marlene Bateman, mezzo-soprano

Wand of Youth opus 1a Edward Elgar

I. Overture

II. Serenade

III. Minuet

IV. Sun Dance

V. Fairy Pipers

VI. Slumber Scene

VII. Fairies and Giants

ANCHORAGE YOUTH SYMPHONY

VIOLIN I

Geurim Kim,
Concertmaster
 Emily Cao
 Alec Lindsay
 Krista Lundberg
 Christine Li
 Alice Wong
 Danika Paskvan
 Nate Berry
 Katherina Clink
 Annie Livingston
 Bryce O'Tierney
 Caitlin Patterson
 Wei Lee
 Daniel Smith

VIOLIN II

Bryson Andres,
Principal
 Robert Suenram
 Carlo Balmes
 Amber Mattfield
 Erica Conway
 Stephanie Jayich
 Audrey Wong
 Iva Karoly-Lister
 Laura Friar
 Linnea Meyer
 Hyunkyung Kang
 Ryan Jarvis
 Grace Coleman
 Nikki Navio
 J. C. McKim

VIOLA

Nathaniel Knapp,
Principal
 Alexander Matson
 Molly Larsen
 Gregory Hall
 YaeJi Keum
 Isaac Ahern
 Robert Taylor
 Jon Derman Harris
 Nicholas Warner
 Anum Qadir
 Ryan Kuk

CELLO

Jamnah Morton,
Principal
 Kurt Youngblood
 Jonathan Genziano
 Jari Piper
 Angelina Cinquegrani
 Luke Park
 Mack Holmberg
 Kayla Eichholz
 River Ramuglia
 Anastasia Hanson
 Courtney Nault

STRING BASS

Heidi Herbert-Lovern,
Principal
 John McKeever
 Sam Guzauskas
 Allyssa Eagleton
 Allison Walton

FLUTE

Sarah Gerd,
Principal
 Jung-Yoon Kim
 Guerin Platte
 Ceylon Mitchell,
also piccolo

OBOE

Meredith Woodard,
Principal
 Madelin Siedler
 Eli Schoenberg,
also English Horn
 Elika Roohi
 Elsa Dieckgraeff

CLARINET

Chi-Hyun Kim,
Principal
 Yixing Shi
 Max Shayer
 Brian Gerd,
also bass clarinet
 Erin McDuffie

BASSOON

Kevin Shriver,
Principal
 Charles Jamieson
 John Patras

HORN

Christina Knapp,
Principal
 Lily Hunter
 Meghan Bill
 Melissa Lee
 Roxanne Risse
 John Linxwiler
 Samuel Dougherty

TRUMPET

Adam Fredericksen,
Principal
 Aric Hudson
 Randi Bernier
 Jon Kaplan

TROMBONE

Joshua Yeaton,
Principal
 Tom Boots

TUBA

Matt Jones,
Principal

PERCUSSION

Noah Hagen,
Principal
 Jacquie Braden

HARP

Aubrey Kraft,
Principal
 McKenna Hanson

ANCHORAGE JUNIOR YOUTH SYMPHONY

VIOLIN 1

Meghan Caves* S
Anna Clink R
Katy Foster R
Kevin Greco ML
Evdokya Hail GR
Shane Ham W
Sarah Hennessy GV
Conrad Kress FP
Sarah Mills NL
Carie Navio P
Katie Neimeyer R
Nikki Olsen NL
Shira Rose-Levy R
Kirsten Williams W
Hannah Xavier C
Lily York GV

VIOLIN 2

Eiko Benefield R
Rachel Bieganski GV
Jamie Brakora W
Aaron Klein GR
Amanda Lindemuth C
Leif Monnett R
Linden Montague M
Marissa Okitkun R
Kendra Paskvan* C
Samantha Prado ML
Zak Rockwell GV
Joshua Sy C
Will Timmons GR
Ashlee Twiford M
Rachel Valiquette GV
Patrick Walgren GV
Nolan Walker GR
Brooke Wedelich GV

VIOLA

Katie Balcao GV
Keelin Baughman C
Cory Chan M
Mark Garcia C
Erlee Hjellen C
Sarah Jones H
Ruben Mendoza H
Alice Norris* P
Radhames Rosier C
Cameron Toskey GV

CELLO

Bexley Brown GV
Madeline Endres GV
Michael Green GV
Keon Guzman GV
Mary Hunt R
Brett Lindsay* W
Primrose Mangilog ML
Andrew Steinkruger P
Anna Trujillo FP
Claire Trujillo FP
Jenifer Yun H
Chanelle Zamora R

STRING BASS

Keenan Brownsberger P
Boomer Hanofee GV
Kelsey Horner H
Will Krolick* GV
Christian McWorkman GV

FLUTE

Katie Galang GR
Amanda Lee H
Hayley Rodgers W
Kaylin Saur S
Rebecca South* GR

CLARINET

Christian Atta-Darkwah R
Katjana Stutzer W
Grace Weinstein ML
Jean Yoon* GV

OBOE

Autumn George* ML
Megan Johnson M
Connor Tetlow C

BASSOON

Samuel Burgess* W

TRUMPET

Benjamin Claman R
Collin Dieckgraeff M
Branden Kroon M
Kody Trombley* ML

HORN

Jonathan Cannamore* ML
Travis Craig ML
Isaac Lammers ML
Sarah Shill G

TROMBONE

Jack Pappas ML
Brett Schimmack* ML
Steven Thuneman W
Jacob Wahry W

TUBA

Tyler Bledsoe ML
Brandon Greensfelder* ML

PERCUSSION

Matthew Biering W
Deven Inch W
Haley Mitchell B
Will Springer* H

*Section leader

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SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

MATT JONES

Matt Jones is a senior at Palmer High School and a 2nd year tubist in the Anchorage Youth Symphony. He commercial fishes at Larsen Bay, AK, in the summer, and bought his first tuba with earnings from his summer fishing work. After starting on trombone in eighth grade he switched to tuba, which he's been playing for four years. He has become familiar with multiphonics on tuba, and is proficient performing the multiphonics piece "Faugg" by Øystein Baadsvik. He has won recognition as the most outstanding low brass player in 05-06 and 06-07. Future plans including earning a PhD in tuba at the University of Northern Colorado, with plans subsequently to teach tuba, form a brass quintet, and join a studio symphony orchestra.



WEI (AMANDA) LEE

Wei (Amanda) Lee is a senior at East High School. Wei is an exchange student from Taiwan and a student of the Wuling Senior High School. This is her first year with the Anchorage Youth Symphony, and also her first year in the East High orchestra. She plays violin in both organizations. In 2005 she passed Grade 5 in Music Theory of the "Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music," and received the "Angel Voice"

award in the school talent show. In 2006-07 she was chosen Youth Diplomat of Taiwan. In 2005 she won the Rollerblading Mayor's Cup, 1st place in the amateur speed race, 1st in long jump at school, and a "school model" award in Wuling Senior High School. She is a member of the World Leadership Education Foundation and for 2007-08 received an AYUSA (exchange program) presidential scholarship award. She likes dancing, traveling, languages, spending time with family and friends, volleyball, reading, and all kinds of arts including singing. After this year she plans to return to Taiwan, finish her high school, and attend college to study diplomacy, international business, or economics. She hopes eventually to help children all over the world with perhaps an emphasis in China, Africa, and India.



JOHN LINXWILER

John Linxwiler is a senior at West High School. He is a first year student in the Anchorage Youth Symphony where he plays French horn. He is a drummer and trumpet player in a rock'n roll band. He likes both cross-country and downhill skiing, and has won awards in cross-country skiing, Anchorage Youth Court, and soccer. He plans to continue to study French horn, and perhaps major in music in college.

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

ROXANNE RISSE

Roxanne Risse is a senior at South Anchorage High School and a second year horn player in AYS. She was an alternate in the Alaska All State Music Festival in 2006, and participated in the Solo & Ensemble Festival for two years. She has participated in several team sports at South High, cross-country skiing and running, soccer, track and field, and was named best offensive player in C Team soccer in 2004. Other interests include art, pottery, gerbils, downhill skiing, harassing "my little brother," watching gory movies, playing DDR, and cooking Asian food. She plans to

attend college somewhere in the lower 48 where there's mountains and snow. Her college major is yet undetermined, but she has interests in architecture, engineering, and biological sciences. She hopes to own a couple venomous lionfish, and an eel. She also hopes someday to explore caves in Borneo and build a dream house.



MADÉLIN SIEDLER

Madelin Siedler is an oboeist in her second year in the Anchorage Youth Symphony. She is a senior at Colony High School where she received the "Most Valuable Member" award in the Colony High School Symphony in 2006. She has been a member of the Mat-Su Honor Band for seven years consecutively. She received a "1" rating in regional solo competition in '06 and '07, and participated in state solo competition the same two years. She was principal oboe in the Illinois Summer Youth Music Orchestra in '07. She

is secretary in the National Honor Society and a member of the French Honor Society. She was awarded second place in the Alaska State Spelling Bee in eighth grade, and the Mayor's "Above and Beyond" award for community service. She's a member of the Alaska Youth For Environmental Action and serves as secretary of the valley chapter, and a member of the statewide advisory group. She's also a member of the Mat-Su Youth Court. She recently attended the Northwest Regional Youth Court conference in Seattle and met for training with University of Washington professors and with other youth court members in the region to discuss youth court benchmarks. Youth Court members serve as "judges" and "attorneys" in "trials" offered to first time juvenile offenders. Such offenders typically plead "guilty" and are "sentenced" to volunteer activities or writing essays about their offenses.

Madelin plans to attend college after high school, and is considering a possible major in political science.



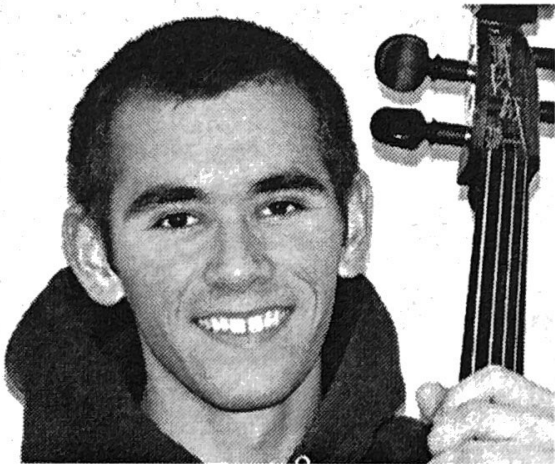
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ELI SCHOENBERG

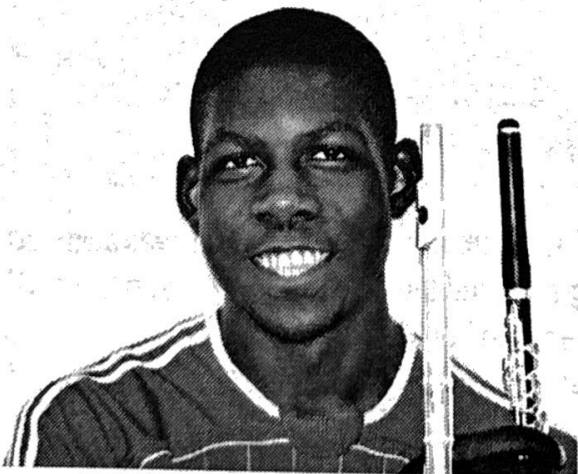
Eli Schoenberg is a four year member of the Anchorage Youth Symphony in the oboe section. He also plays English Horn. He is a senior at South Anchorage High School and has won a superior rating at Solo and Ensemble competition in the 9th, 10th, and 11th grades. He likes reading, art, and other academic pursuits. He plans to attend college and continue his work in music.

RIVER RAMUGLIA



River Ramuglia is a first year cello player with the Anchorage Youth Symphony and a senior at South Anchorage High School. He started taking cello lessons just two years ago as a sophomore. He has received an academic letter (gold star), a varsity tennis letter, and he is photo editor of the South Side Story (school newspaper). He has been a student intern at the Alaska Department of Fish and Game for two years. His interests include tennis, writing, art, the board game GO, reading, computers, and running. He intends to attend college and win a Nobel Prize.

CEYLON MITCHELL II



Ceylon Mitchell plays flute and piccolo and is a second year student in the Anchorage Youth Symphony. He's a senior at East Anchorage High School. He participated in the Command Performance concert of the 2007 State Solo and Ensemble competition, in the All Northwest band, and is president of Tri-M Music Honor Society chapter at East High. He was a member of the Arctic Wind Flute Choir, and took part in their 2006 tour to New Zealand. In 2006 he was state champion in the 110 meter hurdles. He belongs to the National Honor Society, and was a People to People Student Ambassador to England and France in 2006. He has won the Prudential President's Volunteer Service Award. He likes hanging out with friends, listening to music, volunteering, soccer, track and field events, and studying music theory. He hopes to pursue a career in music by majoring in music education and performance. After accomplishing as much as he can in music performance, he hopes to settle into a symphony position and teach.

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

ARIC HUDSON

Aric Hudson is a senior at East High School and a first year trumpet player in the Anchorage Youth Symphony. He competed in the All State festival in 2004 and 2005, and the regional and state Solo and Ensemble Competitions in 2005, 2006, and 2007 where he received a superior rating. He belongs to the National Honor Society, Beta Club, and is a board member of S.W.I.N.G. (dance group). He was on the varsity cross country track team in 2004, and the varsity cross country ski team in 2005, 2006, and 2007. He likes dancing, acting, and playing the didgeridoo. He has appeared in various theater productions including *The Invisible Man*, *Little Magic Snowman*, *Aesop's Runaway Fables*, *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*, and *Witch of Greythorne*. He plans to attend college.



MEGHAN BILL

Meghan Bill is a senior at Palmer High School and a third year French Horn player in the Anchorage Youth Symphony. She has participated in the State Solo and Ensemble competition for the last three years where she received a superior rating the last two years in piano. She participated in the All State festival in 2006, occupied the principal chair in the Palmer High School Symphonic Band for four years, and was in the Mat-Su High School Honor Band the last three years. She is president of the National Honor Society and Key Club (community service club), and has been on the honor roll the last four years with a 4.0 average. She is a member of the French Honor Society. She is on the Palmer High varsity swim team, loves ultimate frisbee, is interested in history, international affairs, traveling and environmental activism. She plans to receive an IB (International Baccalaureate) diploma. She hopes to go to college out of state and pursue a double major in political science and environmental studies, and, of course, continue with music.



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