

Anchorage Youth **SYMPHONY**



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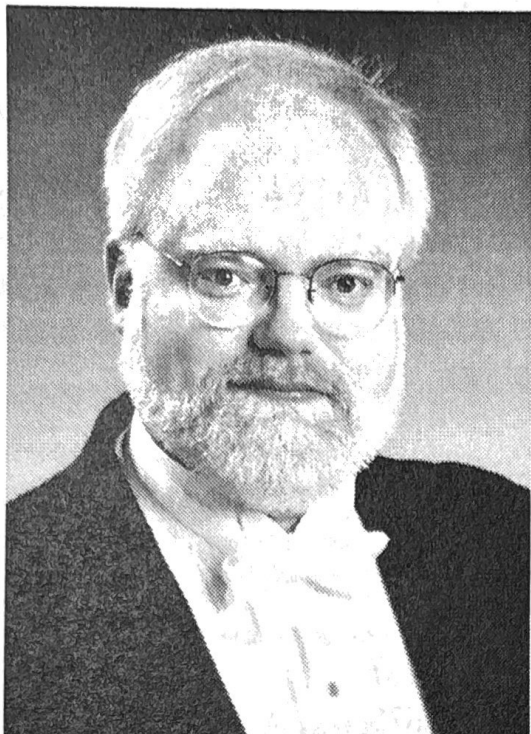
Anchorage Youth Symphony
Anchorage Junior Youth Symphony
Homer Youth String Advanced Orchestra

7PM, Tuesday, February 26, 2008

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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

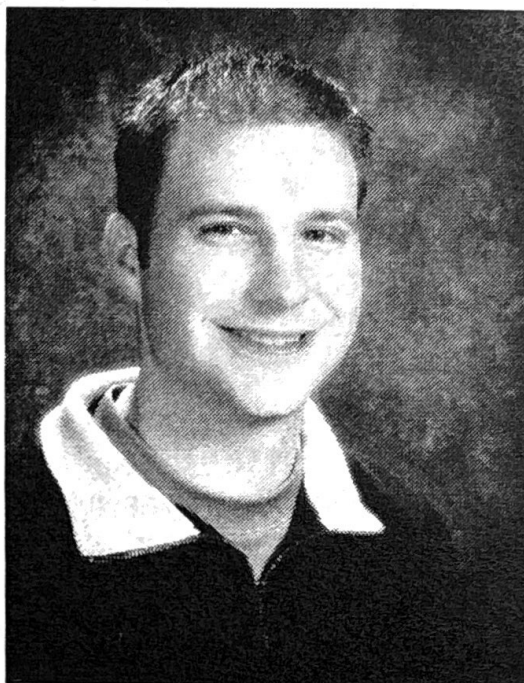
A lifelong Anchorage resident, violinist Gabrielle Willis is an alumna of the Elementary Honor Orchestra, Anchorage Junior Youth Symphony, and Anchorage Youth Symphony. She graduated from the University of Northern Colorado in 2001 with a Bachelor's Degree in Music Education. Currently, Gabrielle serves 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 Waln, *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*

P R O G R A M

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ANCHORAGE JUNIOR YOUTH SYMPHONY

Gabrielle Willis and Daniel Whitfield, Conductors

Prelude to *Carmen* Bizet, arr Casey B. Kriechbaum
Daniel Whitfield, Conductor

Hatikvah—The Hope Traditional, arr Elliot Del Borgo
Gabrielle Willis, Conductor

The Great Locomotive Chase Robert W. Smith
Daniel Whitfield, Conductor

INTERMISSION

COMBINED ORCHESTRA

ANCHORAGE YOUTH SYMPHONY

ANCHORAGE JUNIOR YOUTH SYMPHONY

HOMER YOUTH STRING ADVANCED ORCHESTRA

Linn Weeda, Conductor

Finale—Symphony No. 2 in C P. I. Tchaikovsky, arr Sandra Dackow

ANCHORAGE YOUTH SYMPHONY

Linn Weeda, Conductor

Finlandia, op. 26 Nr. 7 Jean Sibelius

The Thoughtful Bird Kathleen Bielawski
Premiere performance of this work in its orchestral version

Lieutenant Kijé Symphonic Suite, op. 60 Sergei Prokofiev

ANCHORAGE YOUTH SYMPHONY

VIOLIN I

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

VIOLIN II

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

VIOLA

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

CELLO

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

STRING BASS

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

FLUTE

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

OBOE

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

CLARINET

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

BASSOON

Charles Jamieson,
Principal
Kevin Shriver,
also Saxophone
John Patras

HORN

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

TRUMPET

Randi Bernier,
Principal
Adam Fredericksen
Jon Kaplan
Aric Hudson

TROMBONE

Joshua Yeaton,
Principal
Tom Boots
Victoria Bledsoe,
Bass Trombone

TUBA

Matt Jones,
Principal

PERCUSSION

Noah Hagen,
Principal
Jacquie Braden

HARP

Aubrey Kraft,
Principal
McKenna Hanson

Our thanks to Brad and Kay McKim for sponsoring the chair of J.C. McKim, violin and to LaVerne and Bonnie Hunter, grandparents, for sponsoring the chair of Lily Hunter, horn and Kathryn Hoffer for sponsoring the concertmaster chair of Geurim Kim and to Leslie J. Watson, alum, for sponsoring the last chair in the second violin section, a chair he says he knew well in the early 70's.

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
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

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

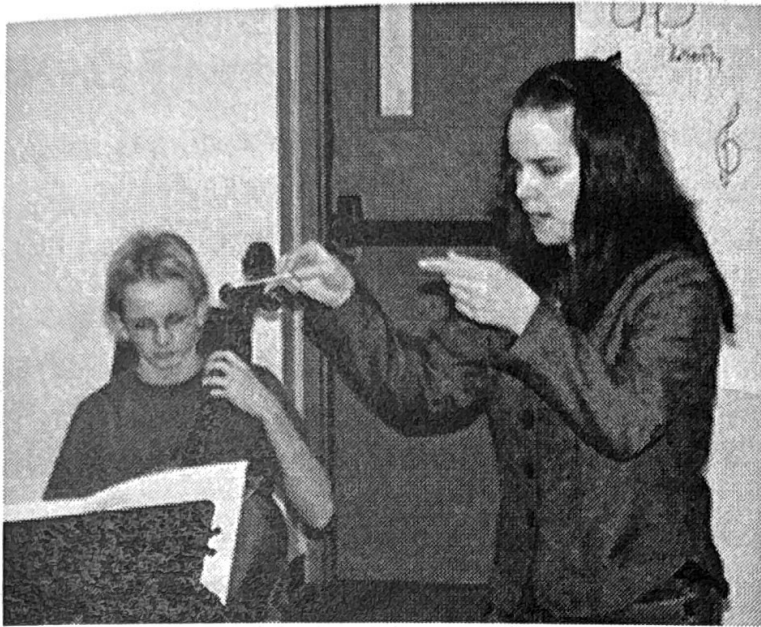
Matthew Biering W
Deven Inch W
Will Springer* H

*Section leader

School index:

Begich= B
Central= C
Family Partnership= FP
Goldenview= GV
Gruening= GR
Hanshew= H
Mears= M
Mirror Lake= ML
Northern Lights ABC= NL
Polaris= P
Romig= R
Steller= S
Wendler= W

HOMER YOUTH STRING ADVANCED ORCHESTRA



TIA PIETSCH
Music Director

PERSONNEL

VIOLIN

Hannah LaRue
Hanna Mikols
Kaya Morelli
Shane McVeigh
Oscar Arias
Kelsey Waldorf
Ithaca Sorensen
Jason Baird
Jordyn Mayforth
Oceana Wills
Mckenzie Akers
Maria Cardoza

VIOLA

Iris Fletcher

CELLO

Alder Fletcher
Trevor Waldorf
Katlyn Haas

Tia has a Bachelor of Arts in Music from Lewis & Clark College, and a Master of Arts in Music Education with a string orchestra focus from the University of Oregon. In addition, she completed graduate level course work, in violin performance. Tia also studied with Fritz Gearhart at the University of Oregon.

Tia has taught privately for over 12 years and has taught orchestra in public schools in Oregon and now privately in Alaska for six years. She owns and teaches at the Harbor School of Music, a business she and her husband started in 2003. She has directed and taught the Homer Youth String Orchestra Club since its inception in 2004. In addition to playing the violin, Tia is an accomplished pianist, with a Bachelor's degree in piano. She enjoys performing classical repertoire and also dips her bow into fiddle music (Celtic/Irish).

FUTURE EVENTS for the ANCHORAGE YOUTH SYMPHONY

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, Alec Lindsay, 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.

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT



SARAH GERD

Sarah Gerd is a three-year member of the flute/piccolo section in the Anchorage Youth Symphony, serving as principal flutist her junior and senior years. She's also a four-year member of South Anchorage High School's Symphonic Band serving as principal her junior and senior years. She is a two-year member of the Anchorage Arctic Wind Flute Choir, and a four-year participant in All-State Band where she served as principal her senior year. She played in the MENC (now known as the National Association for Music Education) All-Northwest Band in 2007 and participated in the Solo & Ensemble Festival in the years 2005-2008. She is a member of the National Honor Society, and volunteers at Habitat for Humanity and the Alaska Food Bank.



J. C. MCKIM

J. C. McKim plays violin and is a three-year member of Anchorage Youth Symphony and, as he says, "the most important member of AYS." He is a senior at South Anchorage High School. He has received a "1" rating in various Solo & Ensemble festivals and participated in All-State Orchestra for three years. He was a winner in the South High Battle of the Bands in 2007, a Region IV honor jazz band member, and won a captain's hat in a 1998 Bingo competition. He enjoys

playing guitar, mandolin, and banjo, and skiing, hiking, camping, biking, origami, and base-jumping. He expects in the future he will be a balding Youth Symphony conductor in Alaska, and play trumpet.



CHI-HYUN KIM

Chi-Hyun Kim is a senior at Service High School and a four-year member of the Anchorage Youth Symphony clarinet section where he is principal. Last season he was one of the winners of the AYS concerto competition and performed Debussy's Premiere Rhapsody for Clarinet and Orchestra with AYS in the final concert of the season. He has performed with the All-Northwest Band, the All-State Orchestra and the All-State Band where he held the first chair position.

He is a National Merit Scholarship Semifinalist and plans to continue his education at college next fall. Meanwhile other interests include following political blogs, surfing Wikipedia, and reading obscure German symbolist poets.

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

RANDI BERNIER

Randi Bernier is a senior at Palmer High School. She is a two-year trumpet player in AYS where she is principal. She has participated in the UAF Jazz Festival Honor Band where she was first trumpet and the Borough Honor Band. She also was recognized as the Disney Magic Music Days' most outstanding Jazz soloist where she was first trumpet. She received the Volunteer of the Year Award given by the Greater Palmer Chamber of Commerce. She enjoys guitar playing, hiking and philosophy. She plans to be a professional musician with a focus in Jazz.



CAITLIN PATTERSON

Caitlin Patterson is a three-year violinist with AYS and a senior at South Anchorage High School. She received a superior rating in the 2007 State Solo & Ensemble Festival both as a member of the South Anchorage High School String Quartet and as a soloist. She also competed in these categories in 2006. She has been in the All-State Orchestra for three years in the first violins. She is a National Merit Semifinalist. She was recognized as State Skimeister in 2007, and a member of Team Alaska for Junior Olympics in 2006, 2007, and 2008. She received All-American recognition as a Nordic skier. In addition to cross-country skiing she likes hiking and reading. She plans to attend an east coast college with a strong Nordic ski team and qualify for international competition next year.



COURTNEY NAULT

Courtney Nault is a senior at Service High School and a two-year member of the Anchorage Youth Symphony cello section. She was a member of the Elementary Honor Orchestra and the Anchorage Junior Youth Symphony before joining AYS. She has received a few superior ratings in both Regional and State Solo and Ensemble Festivals. She played varsity soccer her first two years at Service High School. She started her own coffee cup line, officially made chocolate soufflé twice, and invented a new type of oven mitten. She likes downhill skiing, running, dancing, wake boarding and water skiing. In the future she plans to find a cure for cancer, visit Venice, Italy, before it sinks into the sea, and be the first person to eat ten saltine crackers in under a minute.

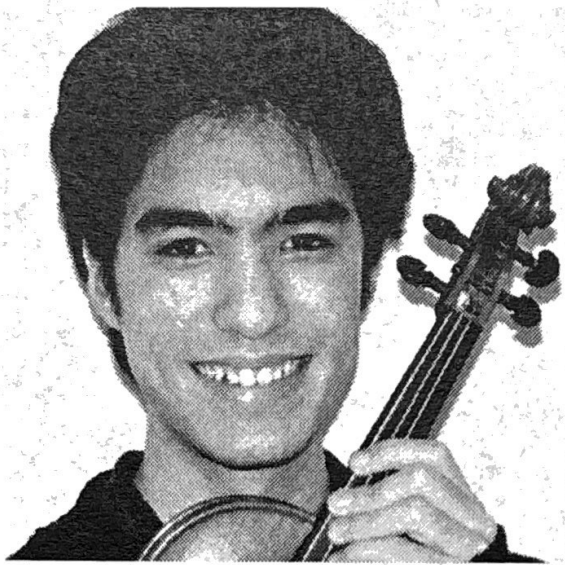


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JONATHAN GENZIANO

Jonathan Genziano is a senior at Chugiak High School and a three-year member of the AYS cello section. He participated in All-State Orchestra for three years. He received "ones" at the State Solo & Ensemble Festival for two years. His sophomore year he participated in the Command Performance. His freshman year he was third in regional triple jump competition in Track and Field. He likes snowboarding, playing ping pong, the ladies, Halo 3, and hanging out with friends when he's not bagging at the commissary. He plans to attend college and to continue with music studies.



RYAN JARVIS

Ryan Jarvis is a senior at Eagle River High School and a three-year violinist in AYS. He has won "excellent" and "superior" ratings at Solo and Ensemble Festivals. He has also performed in the All-State Orchestra on viola. He is a member of a state championship science team having won three state titles in the science Olympiad and received fourteen medals throughout his four years in high school. He is an active participant in Drama, Debate, and Forensics. He was awarded third place in a pantomime event. He also likes participating in drama, and has

been in every Eagle River High School play, including a starring role in the musical "Grand Hotel." He plans on attending college either as a liberal arts student or as a performance production major, but will continue his interest in music.



ADAM FREDERICKSEN

Adam Fredericksen is a senior at Service High School and a three-year member of the AYS trumpet section. He has served as first chair trumpet in All-State Band, Lead in the Regional Honor Jazz Band, and participated in the State Solo & Ensemble Festival the past two years. He was invited to play in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. He likes playing tennis, running, and playing games. Future plans include attending UAA to complete his required introductory classes, majoring in Computer Science, with a possible second major in trumpet performance. He's undecided about where he will complete college.

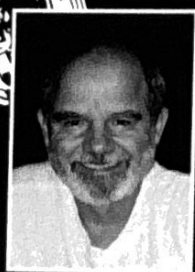
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ELSA DIECKGRAEFF

Elsa Dieckgraeff is a senior at Dimond High School and has been a two-year oboist in AYS during her sophomore and senior years. During her junior year she was a Rotary Exchange Student in Düsseldorf, Germany. She was first chair in the Dimond Symphonic Band her sophomore and senior years,



and in addition was in the Anchorage School District Japanese Immersion Program since first grade. She received the Charles Nagel Concert Band Award her freshman year in high school. She participated in the Solo & Ensemble Festival her freshman and sophomore years, and attended Interlochen Arts Camp the summer of 2005. She received a Silver Star and an Academic letter, and served as youth representative on her church council. She enjoys foreign languages and always knowing what's going on with the weather. She plans to attend Valparaiso University in Indiana majoring in meteorology and expects to continue playing oboe.



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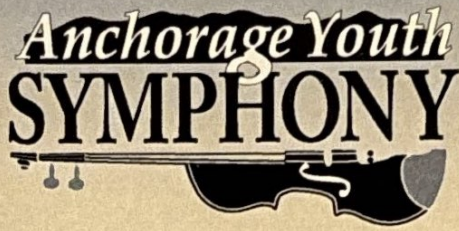
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Eleanor A. C. Hung
for her sponsorship of this concert.

Ms. Hung grew up in a household where participation in music was banned. She graduated from Waipahu High School which was situated in the middle of a sugar cane plantation on Oahu, Hawaii.

Her first exposure to serious music was during her college years in California. She received a degree in bacteriology followed by post-graduate work in public health microbiology. She enjoyed employment in several public health laboratories in California and started clinical microbiology in Fairbanks, AK, in 1971. She inspected health facilities for the State of Alaska. She wrote regulations for hospital laboratories and finished her career as an Environmental Specialist with the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation.

She now enjoys classical music including opera and has developed a special interest in the Anchorage Youth Symphony for which we are most grateful.

Thank you very much, Ms. Hung