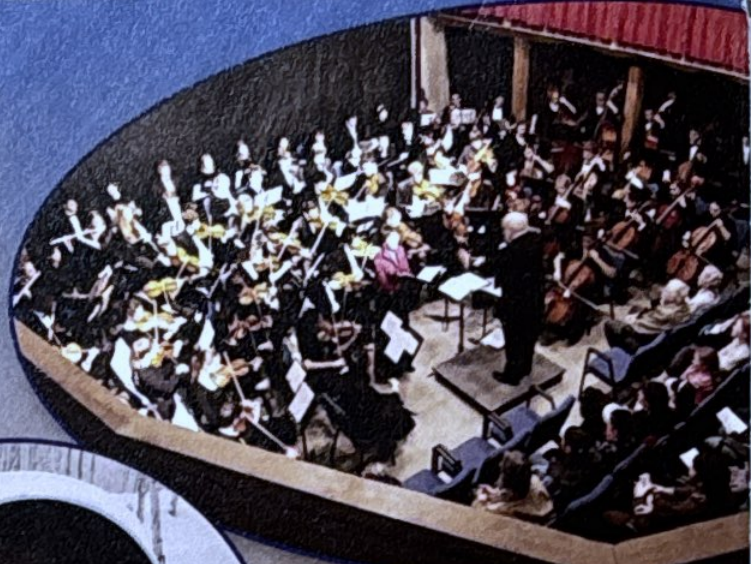


Anchorage Youth SYMPHONY



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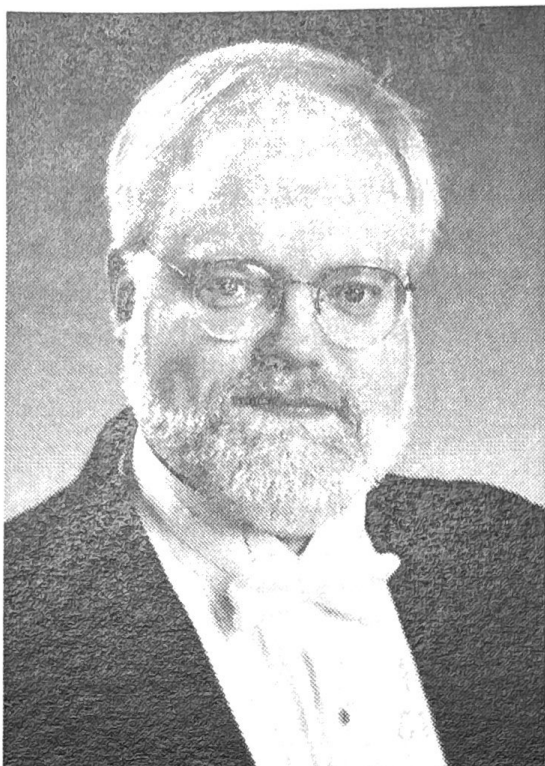
Anchorage Youth Symphony

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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 ARTIST
ALEC LINDSAY

Alec Lindsay began his violin studies at the age of 4 and is a student of Beverly Beheim. He is currently a 16 year old sophomore at West Anchorage High School. He is a second year member of the Anchorage Youth Symphony and has twice been selected for the Alaska All-State Orchestra.



ALEC LINDSAY

Alec has attended Suzuki Institutes in Alaska, Oregon and Wisconsin, and has been selected for institute honors recitals five times. He won second place in the junior division of the 2005 State MTNA Competition for strings. In the 2006 State MTNA Competition, he won third place in the senior division, and won second place in the 2007 senior division competition.



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In March 2007, as winner of the Anchorage Civic Orchestra Concerto Competition, Alec performed the first movement of the Bruch Violin Concerto. The following May, his performance of the first movement of the Barber Violin Concerto was selected for the Command Performance at the Alaska State Solo and Ensemble Festival. Last summer, Alec attended the Interlochen Summer Arts Camp in Michigan where he was a member of the World Youth Symphony Orchestra. He will attend again this summer as a recipient of Interlochen's full tuition Emerson Scholarship.

In addition to being a gifted musician, Alec is also talented in mathematics. Alec is the first place winner of the 2006 Alaska State MathCounts Competition. Alec is also an avid rock climber.

ANCHORAGE YOUTH SYMPHONY

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.

P R O G R A M

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ANCHORAGE YOUTH SYMPHONY

Linn Weeda, Conductor

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

Violin Concerto No. 5, op 37 H. Vieuxtemps

Movement 1, Allegro non troppo

Alec Lindsay, Guest Violinist

INTERMISSION

Symphony No. 4, op 36 P. I. Tchaikovsky

- Andante Sostenuto*
- Andantino in modo di canzona*
- Scherzo: Allegro*
- Finale: Allegro con fuoco*

ANCHORAGE YOUTH SYMPHONY

VIOLIN I

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

VIOLIN II

Ryan Jarvis,
Principal
Bryson Andres
Erica Conway
Amber Mattfield
Carlo Balmes
Stephanie Jayich
Iva Karoly-Lister
Robert Suenram
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

Jamnah 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
Elika Roohi

CLARINET

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

BASSOON*

Charles Jamieson
Kevin Shriver
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

* For this performance, each
bassoon will rotate into the
principal chair.

*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.*

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT



ROBERT M. TAYLOR

Robert M. Taylor is a senior at Dimond High School and a four-year member of the Anchorage Youth Symphony viola section. In 2004 he was awarded first place in the Intermediate Downey Piano Competition, and in 2007, second place in the Junior Downey Piano Competition. In 2003 and 2007 he received a Superior rating in the Solo & Ensemble Festival. In addition to piano playing, he likes

fishing and hanging out with friends. He plans someday to become a pharmacist and later a private piano instructor.



JOSH YEATON

Josh Yeaton is a senior at South Anchorage High School and a two-year member of the AYS trombone section. He plays first trombone in his school Jazz Honor Band. He placed seventh at Junior Road Biking National Championships. He has been invited to the Olympic Training Center for Road Cycling. He is a nominee for the Presidential Scholars program. Besides road cycling, his interests include cross-country skiing. He is a Bike Mechanic at Paramount

Cycles. He plans to attend college in Colorado or perhaps on the east coast (possibly Vermont), race bikes, and ski for a college team. He plans to continue in trombone as well.



GUERIN PLATTE

Guerin Platte is a senior at East High School and a two-year member of the AYS flute section. She participated in the All-State Music Festival four years; the All-Northwest Festival in 2005, and in the Solo & Ensemble Festival where she received three superior ratings. She is section leader of the East High Symphonic Band. She has attended the New York Summer Music Festival, and is secretary of the Tri-M Music Honor Society at East High. She skied in the Arctic Winter Games in 2006, and came in seventh in

the women's division in the Humpy's marathon in the fall of 2007. Besides cross-country running and skiing and other track and field events, she likes snowboarding, piano, traveling and being outdoors. She plans to spend next year in France before starting college.

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

HEIDI HERBERT-LOVERN

Heidi Herbert-Lovern is a senior at Chugiak High School and a four-year member of the string bass section in AYS. She writes: Heidi entered a spelling bee in the fourth grade. She came very close to winning it, but failed to spell a word that had something to do with some sort of hat. Also, there was a kid there who accused her of cheating on the word "bubbles".

Come on. Heidi plans to major in Dinosaur in college. Not Archaeology, not Dinosaur Studies, just Dinosaur. She plans on being a pterodactyl for her undergraduate studies, and then for her master's, she plans on being a tyrannosaurus rex and really getting to stomping things. For fun, Heidi enjoys snatching bees out of midair and going into the garage and sawing planks of wood in half. She was decapitated in 2003, but that hasn't stopped her from living a full, healthy life. The insurance payoffs have definitely helped, too. Heidi wears her seatbelt.



STEPHANIE JAYICH

Stephanie Jayich is a senior at South Anchorage High School and a three-year violinist in AYS. She was in Honors Orchestra in sixth grade and in the Anchorage Junior Youth Symphony in seventh grade. She has maintained a 4.0 grade point average throughout high school. She was historian of the Honor Society her junior year, and elected Attorney General at Girl's State in 2007. She has been in student government for three years, serving as junior class president, and now serves as the chair of all school dances.

She took an audition only master's class in piano the summer before her sophomore year at the University of the Pacific in Stockton, CA, and an application only class in screenwriting at the University of Southern California. She likes running track and exercising. She was on the varsity track team her freshman year and competed at the state level. This past year she played varsity girl's flag football. College plans include studying either pre-med or film. She loves to travel and hopes to study in England or Spain.



JARI PIPER

Jari Piper is a senior at West High School and a four-year member of the AYS cello section.



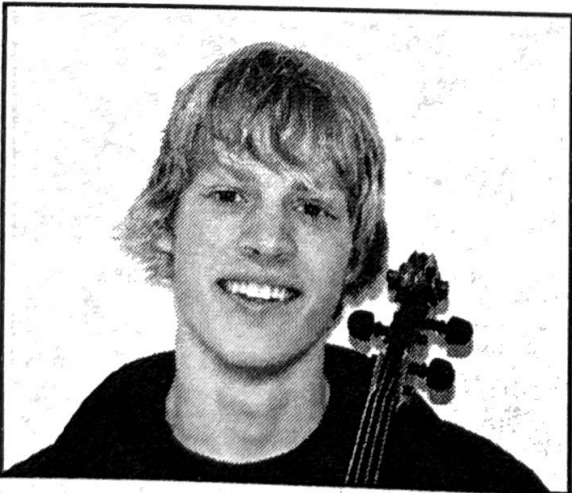


SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

HYUNKYUNG KANG

Hyunkyung Kang is a senior at Dimond High School and a four-year violinist in AYS. She was a member of the Anchorage Junior Youth Symphony in both seventh and eighth grades, and was the principal violinist in the Elementary Honor Orchestra in sixth grade. She is president of the National Honor Society at her school, and master of school ceremonies. She has held the position of president of Mu Alpha Theta (Math Club) for

the last two years. She was vice-president of the National Honor Society her junior year as well as vice-president of the Tennis Club the same year, and in tenth grade was the secretary of Mu Alpha Theta. She has been a member of the Key Club and Mu Alpha Theta since her freshman year. She received academic awards all four years of high school, and has never missed a day of school, ever. She has been on the school tennis team since her freshman year, and was the youngest female varsity tennis player in tenth grade. She has also been active in DDF (Drama, Debate, and Forensics) since her sophomore year and participated in state tournaments since then. She has received many letters, all in varsity tennis and DDF. She is active in the Dimond Cancer Society to help fight cancer in Alaska, and has volunteered at Providence Hospital since her freshman year. She plans to attend college and major in as many subjects as possible.



ALEX MATSON

Alex Matson is a senior at Chugiak High School and a four-year member of the AYS viola section, and is currently serving as viola assistant principal. He has performed two years in the Alaska All-State Orchestra. In 2003 he became national Kazoo champion. He is making his own viola of birch and pine. He loves biking and girls. His future plans include becoming a professional snake charmer and an astronaut.



ANGELINA M. CINQUEGRANI

Angelina M. Cinquegrani is a senior at Dimond High School and a two-year member of AYS in the cello section. She participated in the 2006 State Solo & Ensemble Festival and the 2007 All-State Orchestra. She served as a two-year summer string camp teaching assistant and five years as principal in her school orchestra. She has been president of her school orchestra for two years. She has been on the school honor roll for seven consecutive semesters. She likes classic cars, her cat Delilah, playing with her quartet

JARRS, and watching The Office. She hopes to become a school orchestra teacher, marry her high school sweetheart, and have two kids.