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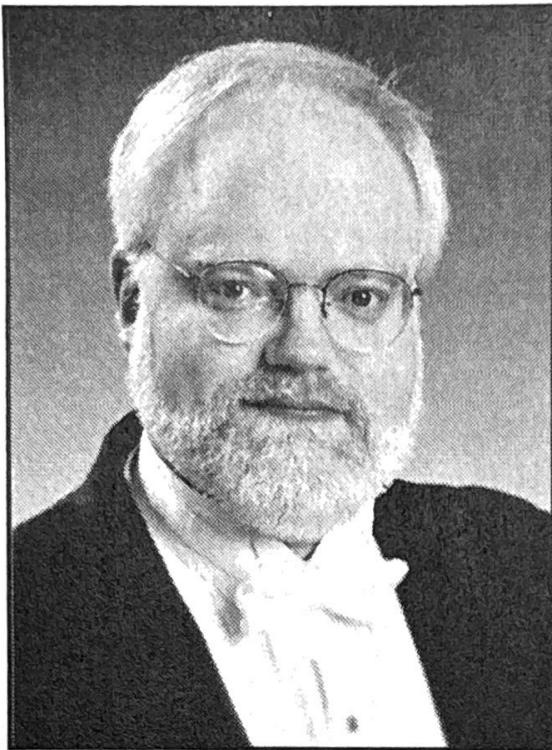
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LINN WEEDA
Music Director and Conductor

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
DON CURRY
 ANCHORAGE JUNIOR YOUTH SYMPHONY

An Alaskan by birth, Mr. Curry is currently Director of Bands at Mears Middle School and Anchorage Junior Youth Symphony, as well as the brass teacher for Alaska Fine Arts Academy in Eagle River. He holds degrees in Instrumental Music Education from Michigan State University and Library Science from University of North Texas, and was a band director in Texas for fourteen years. Mr. Curry is an accomplished trombonist, having held positions in the Midland Symphony Orchestra (MI) and the South Texas Symphony Orchestra. In addition, he has performed with the Lansing and Jackson Symphony Orchestras, Michigan State



DON CURRY

Trombone Quartet, Rio Grande Valley Trombone Quartet, South Texas Symphony Orchestra Brass Quintet, and the West Circle Brass Quintet (MI) where he appeared on Michigan Public Television. Mr. Curry has also performed with numerous brass and mixed ensembles, and can be heard on recordings of the South Texas Symphony Orchestra. His primary teachers were Thane Curry, John Duff, and Curtis Olson.

OUR THANKS

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

Lena Lukina-Shelt, *violin*

Crystal Hanson, *clarinet*

Elise Gelbart, *violin*

Hal Nonneman, *bassoon*

Anne Burns, *viola*

Bryan Charic, *French horn*

Linda Ottum, *cello*

Jason Edwards, *trumpet*

Matthew O'Connor, *string bass*

Paul Fredericksen, *trombone and tuba*

Roxann Berry, *flute*

C. David Williamson, *percussion*

Sharman Piper, *oboe*

Joanna Mayer, *harp*



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 EAGLE RIVER, ALASKA

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HAVE A GREAT TRIP THIS SUMMER IN SYDNEY AUSTRALIA!

COMPOSER
PHILIP MUNGER

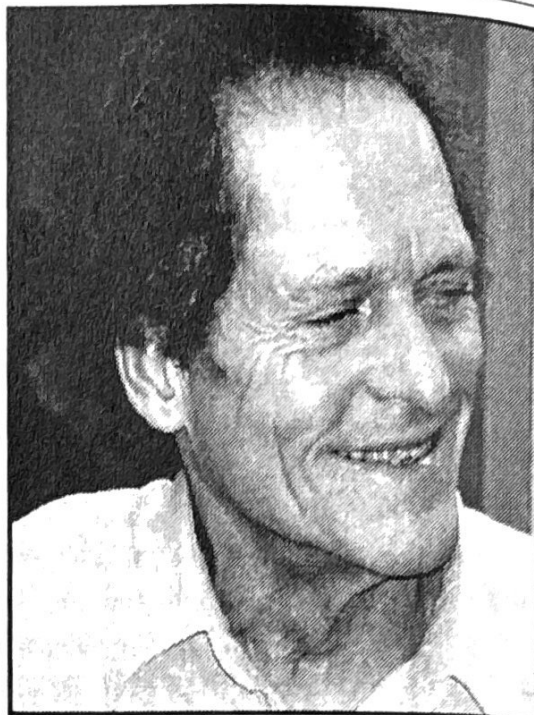
Philip Munger was born in 1946 and studied composition at Oberlin Conservatory and at the University of Washington. After working in broadcasting and music production Seattle, he has lived in Alaska since 1973, where he fished commercially for several years and worked as a public safety officer or administrator for over 13 years.

Munger has sought to address concerns about environmental, humanitarian and social issues in a number of his compositions. He has spoken and written widely on these issues. He has received many prizes and other honors. His works have been performed at the Lincoln Center, Kennedy Center, Juilliard Institute, Cornish Institute, Warsaw Conservatory, the National Gallery, the National Cathedral, and several other notable venues worldwide.

He has received numerous commissions, most recently for the Juneau-based CrossSound Festivals 2007 Faultlines series, and for the October 2008 University of Alaska production of Shakespeares As You Like It. He is currently a Rasmuson Foundation fellow. His musical public service has been honored by the association Bugles Across America, and by the US Department of Veterans Affairs.

The Guardian writes of a recent sold-out performance of Munger's Op. 75 in London's Royal Court's Jerwood Theatre, "Theatre can't change the world. But what it can do, when it's as good as this, is to send us out, enriched by other people's passionate concern." He currently teaches at the University of Alaska Anchorage and performs in the UAA Wind Ensemble and the Anchorage Civic Orchestra.

Munger is active in Alaska outside of music, serving currently as secretary of the Mat-Su Democrats, Secretary of the Board of Friends of Mat-Su, the board of the Alaska Press Club, and with other organizations.



PHILIP MUNGER

FUTURE EVENTS for the ANCHORAGE YOUTH SYMPHONY

CONCERT Tuesday, March 3, 2009, Atwood Theatre 7 P.M. AYS will perform Poulenc's *Gloria* with the Anchorage Concert Chorus. The Poulenc work will be performed in Australia in the Concert Hall portion of the Sydney Opera House in July. The Anchorage Junior Youth Symphony and the Elementary Honor Orchestra will also perform on the March 3 program.

CONCERT Tuesday, April 28, 2009, Discovery Theatre 7 P.M. This is the final concert in our subscription series for this season. This concert will feature the winners from the January 2009 concerto competition as well as Rimsky-Korsakov's *Russian Easter Overture*, selections from Beethoven's *Symphony No. 9*, fourth movement, and Howard Hanson's *Symphony No. 2*.

AUDITIONS for the 2009-2010 season are Monday, May 4, 2009 for all instruments. Violins (only) will be heard two days, on Monday and Wednesday May 4 and 6, 2009. 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

Autumn

ANCHORAGE JUNIOR YOUTH SYMPHONY

Donald Curry, conductor

Overture in G Dur Georg Philipp Telemann, arr R. L. Bauernschmidt

The Second Storm Robert W. Smith

Fandango and Alborada Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov, arr Merle J. Isaac

INTERMISSION

ANCHORAGE YOUTH SYMPHONY

Linn Weeda, Conductor

Overture from Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg Richard Wagner

Sinfonietta for Gordon Wright, Opus 86 (2007) Philip Munger

II Lamentations

III Rags – Gordon's Last Ride

Porgy and Bess,

Selection for Orchestra George Gershwin, arr Robert Russell Bennett

ANCHORAGE YOUTH SYMPHONY

VIOLIN I

Geurim Kim,
Concertmaster
 Emily Cao
 Christine Li
 Bryce O'Tierney
 Katherina Clink
 Erica Conway
 Krista Lundberg
 Annie Livingston
 Amber Mattfield
 Nate Berry
 Carlo Balmes

VIOLIN II

Meghan Caves,
Principal
 Tyler Hunt-Smith
 Iva Karoly-Lister
 Anna Price
 Laura Friar
 Kate Backstrum
 Olivia Allen
 Katia Lundell
 Ellie Simpson
 Grace Coleman
 Kirsten Williams

VIOLA

Nathaniel Knapp,
Principal
 Isaac Ahern
 Molly Larsen
 YaeJi Keum
 Timothy Yun
 Alex Smith
 Jon Derman Harris
 Gregory Hall
 Katie Balcao
 Kivalina Grove
 Penina Fatuleai
 Anum Qadir
 Nicholas Warner
 Erlee Hjellen

CELLO

Jamnah Morton,
Principal
 Mack Holmberg

Brett Lindsay
 Luke Park
 Kayla Eichholz
 Aaron Haynes
 Madeleine Amodio
 Anastasia Hanson
 Joshua Cravez

STRING BASS

John McKeever,
Principal
 Sam Guzauskas
 Christian McWorkman
 Lydia Doza
 Allyssa Eagleton
 Nathaniel Perkins
 Zachery Akins
 Keenan Brownsberger

FLUTE

Jung-Yoon Kim,
Principal
 John Goertz,
also piccolo
 Annalisa Boslough
 Anna Wichorek

OBOE

Meredith Woodard,
Principal,
also English Horn
 Elika Roohi
 Kelly Moran
 Francesca Rissef

CLARINET

Yixing Shi,
Principal
 Rachel Wintz
 Max Shayer
 Brian Gerd
 Steve Exelby,
also bass clarinet

BASSOON

Kevin Shriver,
Principal,
also contrabassoon

Charles Jamieson
 John Patras
 Scott Munter

HORN

Christina Knapp,
Principal
 Lily Hunter
 Melissa Lee
 Christopher Dennis
 Samuel Dougherty

TRUMPET

Jon Kaplan,
Principal
 Sarah Martinson
 Megan Letts

TROMBONE

Trevor Clayton,
Principal
 Steven Thuneman
 Victoria Bledsoe,
bass trombone

TUBA

Mark Williams,
Principal
 Tyler Bledsoe

PERCUSSION

Noah Hagen,
Principal
 Jacquie Braden
 Eiden Pospisil
 Deven Inch

HARP

Aubrey Kraft,
Principal

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VIOLIN 1

Anna Clink R
 Mariah De Jesus-Remaklus H
 Jasmine Han G
 Sarah Hennessy G
 Kendall Hurley P
 Harrison Jennings G
 Eunice Kang* H
 Brigitta Kress FP
 Sarah Mills N
 Carie Navio P
 Marie Nielson FP
 Nikki Olsen N
 Kendra Paskvan C
 Frances Tso C
 Hannah Xavier C
 Lily York G

VIOLIN 2

Mikee Agulay C
 Chad Balmes M
 Rachel Bieganski G
 Charles Brocales M
 Tremaine Chisholm W
 Annalise Decker* R
 Celina Farmer G
 Kiana Gates ML
 Koleena Guzman G
 Kathryn Hoke W
 Lyndyn Hurley G
 Min Sung Kim GR
 William Kim W
 Juliona Miller GR
 Samantha Prado ML
 Phillip Shin R
 Rachel Valiquette G
 Brooke Wedelich G
 Andy Kim R
 Johanna Yun H

VIOLA

Katie Aikens G
 Angela Cerna R
 Cory Chan* M
 Jennifer Goertz G
 Ethan Harlig C
 Sarah Jones H
 Jose Mora R
 Robert Ihro Raguindin H
 Ashlyn Smith GR
 Jasmine Starr-Enyard R
 Shane Williams R

CELLO

Bennett Amodio R
 Sarah Bolt R
 Jamie Byers B
 Madeline Endres* G
 Keeon Guzman G
 Allison Haines R
 Haley Jones H
 Primrose Mangilog ML
 Ravynn Nothstine C
 Liam Sarwas R
 Anna Trujillo FP
 Claire Trujillo FP

STRING BASS

Trinadee Barney R
 Aidan Hellen R
 Connor Nault H
 Ellen Silverman* C

FLUTE

Phylcia Don* ML
 Jie Joo M
 Katie Kampen M
 Brianna Lundberg GR

OBOE

Megan Johnson
 Connor Tetlow*

CLARINET

Nathan Hakala G
 Nicholas Prosak* GR
 Katherine Skinner C
 Jacob Sy C

BASSOON

Zayn Roohi* M

HORN

Christopher Lindbeck M
 Sam Miles* S

TRUMPET

Benjamin Claman* R
 Collin Dieckgraeff M
 Eric Laufer G
 Kyle Travis

BARITONE

Branden Kroon*

TROMBONE

Nathan Dennis*

PERCUSSION

Michael Gale G
 Tanner Schipper* ML

*Section leader

School index:

B= Begich

C= Central

F= Family Partnership

G= Goldenview

GR= Gruening

H= Hanshew

M= Mears

ML= Mirror Lake

N= Northern Lights ABC

P= Polaris

R= Romig

S= Steller

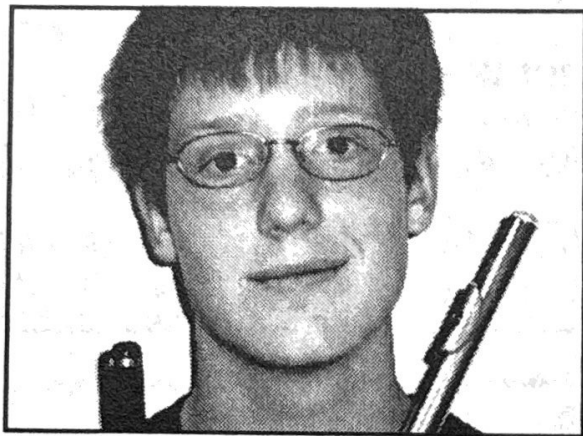
W= Wendler

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT



JUNG-YOON KIM

Jung-Yoon Kim is a senior at Service High School and principal flutist in the Anchorage Youth Symphony of which she has been a member two years. She has occupied the principal flute chair in the Service High Symphonic Band for four years and been a member of the Arctic Wind Flute Choir for four years. She has participated in the All-State Festival in the years '06, '07, and '08, and the Solo and Ensemble Festival Command Performance in '06 and '07. She is president of the German Club and Secretary of the National Honor Society. She enjoys reading David Sedaris and drinking Chai tea. She plans to attend college and hopes to join many more ensembles.



JOHN GOERTZ

John Goertz is a first year member of AYS and a senior at Service High School. He plays flute and piccolo. He has been a member of the Arctic Winds Flute Choir in the years 05-09, the All-State Band of '07, and received a superior rating in the state Solo and Ensemble Festival in '07 and '08. He is an Eagle Scout, and has been the Service High Riflery Team captain in the years 07-08 and 08-09. He likes cooking, fencing, and riflery. After graduation he plans to attend either Seattle University or MIT and pursue a degree in physics.



MELISSA LEE

Melissa Lee is a four-year horn player in AYS and a senior at Chugiak High School. She has been in All-State Band for the last two years, and participated in Solo and Ensemble Festivals in all four years of high school. She is a competition cheerleader and participated with her team, AK Elite, placing second at nationals in Portland, and fourth at nationals in Las Vegas last year. She loves cheerleading; it is a huge part of her life. She's also active in her youth group, having held several positions on the board the past four years. She has also attended many Jewish teen conventions throughout the Northwest each year. Her sophomore year she had the amazing opportunity to attend a national Jewish teen convention in Philadelphia along with 1300 other delegates. She will graduate from high school at the end of the semester and in January will move to Sacramento where she has plans to attend Sacramento State University. She plans to continue her music and cheerleading in college and is excited about what the next phase of her life will bring.

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Grace Coleman is a senior violinist in AYS of which she has been a member for two years. She is also a member of the South Anchorage High School Orchestra. She has been a member of the All-State Orchestra and taken honors at the Solo and Ensemble Festival for three years. She has received academic honors throughout her high school years. She loves piano as well as cross-country running, skiing, swimming and hiking with friends and family. She plans to attend Brigham Young University.



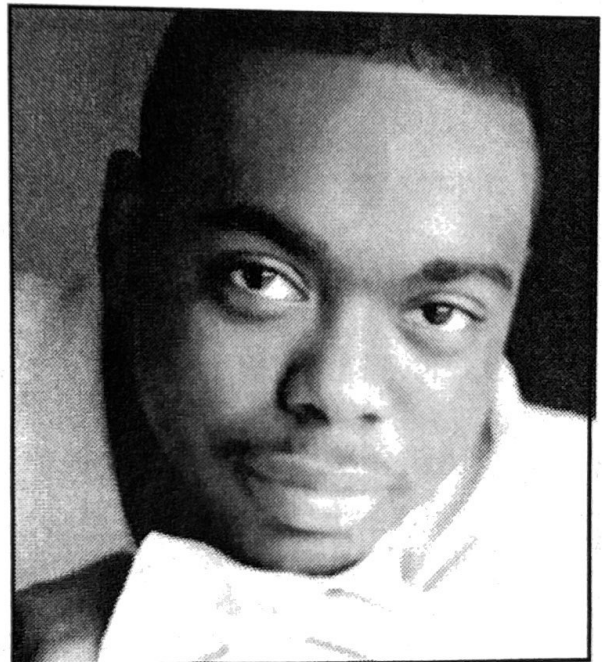
GRACE COLEMAN

Meredith Woodard is a senior at West High and a four-year oboist in AYS where she is the section principal. She has participated in All-State for three years '06 to '08, and played first chair the last two. She participated in the Solo and Ensemble Command Performance in '08. She received the Semper Fidelis award from the Marines in '08. In sports, she has been nominated for Wendy's High School Heisman Scholarship. She was second in regionals for tennis mixed doubles in '08, third in state for tennis mixed doubles in '08, Most Valuable Player for flag football in '08, flag football all conference in both defense and offense in '08, and five time champion in club soccer (outside of high school). In addition to soccer and tennis, she enjoys spending time with friends and family, traveling, eating and sleeping, and being outside. She plans to attend college, continue to play music and soccer, and is thinking about a double major in music and science.



MEREDITH WOODARD

Mark Williams is a senior at Bartlett High School, and a first year student in AYS playing tuba. In addition to tuba, he also plays electric bass, classic guitar, trumpet, euphonium, and piano. Over the past year he has received the most valuable member in Symphonic Band award, and the Director's Award. He has received a rating of 5 for his solo in the city and state Solo and Ensemble festivals. He has also received the Presidential Volunteer's Award for over one hundred hours of community service. In addition to music, he enjoys reading, writing, and learning sciences like psychology. He plans to continue performing and pursuing a college degree in music education.



MARK WILLIAMS

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Alex Smith is a first year member of the AYS viola section, and a senior at Grace Christian School. He participated in the State Solo and Ensemble Festival in the years '05 and '06, and played violin for a jazz group for two years. He is a certified scuba diver, and hopes to attend either the University of Oregon or Seattle Pacific University majoring in electrical engineering with a minor in music.



ALEX SMITH

John W. McKeever is a senior at South Anchorage High School and a three-year member of AYS in the string bass section. He has been awarded the National School Orchestra Award in '08, three superior ratings in School Solo and Ensemble competition, and participated in the All-State Orchestra in '06 and '07, and the All Northwest Band in '07. He won the SPE (Society of Professional Engineers) first place award in the 2004 Engineering Explorers Structural Engineering Competition. He completed the Heart Run three times, took first place in the Diamond Bowling League in 2001, and played T-ball. He owns more than one fedora. He enjoys playing jazz and chamber music. He also writes, acts in, and composes music for low budget movies using ketchup, and enjoys teaching music to the budding minds of "tomorrow." John plans to attend college somewhere, and study, not play, bass and sound engineering. Then, after 17 1/2 years working in the music industry on Easter Island, he will write an award-winning book that will be made into an Oscar winning movie for which he will compose the music. After that, John will retire to Portland and teach violin and perform with local symphonies on the triangle.

JOHN MCKEEVER

