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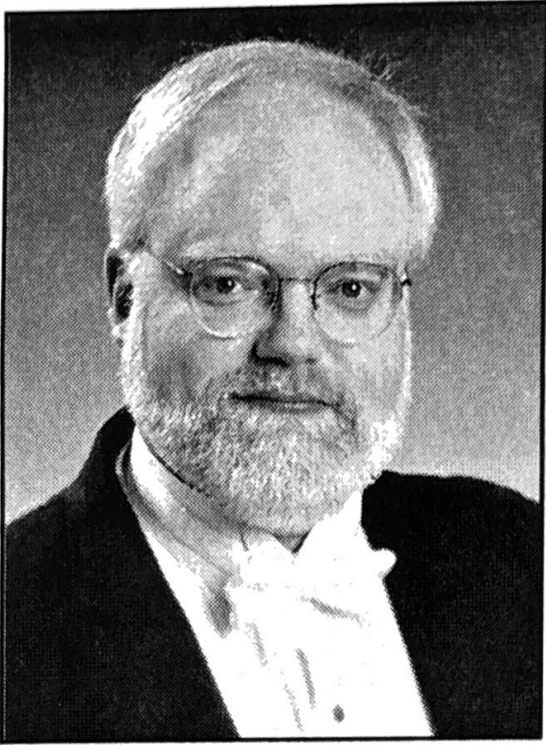
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Anchorage Junior Youth Symphony
&
Anchorage Youth
Symphony

7PM, Tuesday, November 17, 2009

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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 solfège, 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.

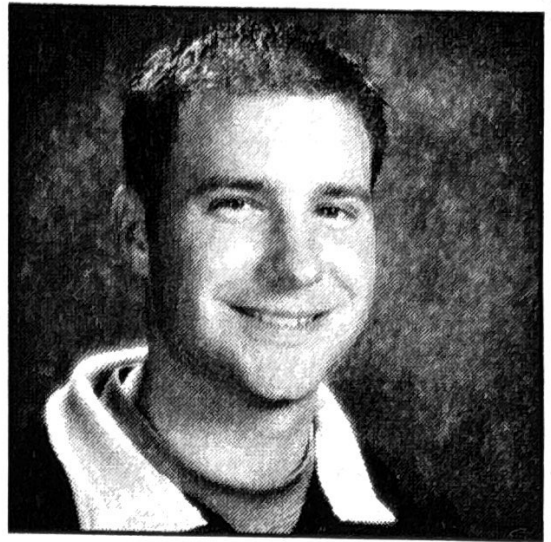
Currently Weeda is Assistant Music Director and Principal Trumpet of the Anchorage Symphony, Principal Trumpet of the Anchorage Opera and the Anchorage Festival of Music.

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, solfège, 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
DANIEL WHITFIELD**

Daniel Whitfield is beginning his 6th year of teaching in Anchorage and is currently the band director at Clark Middle School. Prior to teaching at Clark, he was the band director at Service High School from 2004 to 2008. As a trumpet player, Daniel has performed with numerous groups in Anchorage, including the Anchorage Jazz Ensemble, the Alaska Blaskapelle, and is currently the trumpet player in the local ska band, Nervis Rex. He has performed with such artists as Bobby Shew, Pete Christlieb, Don Sickler, and Christian Fabian. He was also a semi-finalist for the National Trumpet Competition in Washington, DC. Daniel graduated summa cum laude from Gonzaga University in 2003 with a B.A. in Music Education and recently completed graduate studies in Conducting from Central Washington University in 2009. Aside from music, Daniel coaches tennis at East High School 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:

Lena Lukina-Shelt, *violin*

Elise Gelbart, *violin*

Anne Burns, *viola*

Linda Ottum, *cello*

Matthew O'Connor, *string bass*

Laura Koenig, *flute*

Sharman Piper, *oboe*

Crystal Hanson, *clarinet*

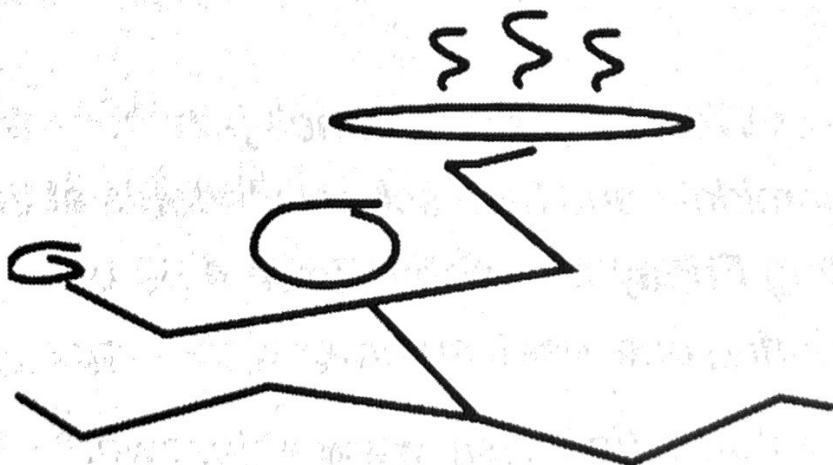
Hal Nonneman, *bassoon*

Bryan Charic, *French horn*

Jason Edwards, *trumpet*

Paul Fredericksen, *trombone and tuba*

C. David Williamson, *percussion*



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Autumn Reverie

ANCHORAGE JUNIOR YOUTH SYMPHONY

Daniel Whitfield, conductor

- Prelude to Carmen Georges Bizet, arr Casey Kriechbaum
Contraption Brendan McBrien
Ashokan Farewell Words and music by Jay Ungar, arr Bob Cerulli
Romany Dances Elliot Del Borgo

INTERMISSION

ANCHORAGE YOUTH SYMPHONY

Linn Weeda, Conductor

- Coriolan Overture Ludwig van Beethoven
Hungarian Rhapsody No. 2 Franz Liszt
Danzon No. 2 Arturo Marquez

ANCHORAGE YOUTH SYMPHONY

VIOLIN 1

Geurim Kim,
Concertmaster
 Bryce O'Tierney
 Anna Clink
 Krista Lundberg
 Amber Mattfield
 Meghan Caves
 Sarah Hennessy
 Tyler Hunt-Smith
 Carlo Balmes
 Amalia Raemy
 Kirsten Williams

VIOLIN 2

Olivia Allen,
Principal
 Frances Larsen
 Ellie Simpson
 Kendra Paskvan
 Connor Samuelson
 Anna Price
 Yetta Hein
 Linnea Meyer
 Kate Backstrum
 Evdokyia Hail
 Lily York
 Talia Sopp
 Linden Montague
 Katie Neimeyer

VIOLA

Nathaniel Knapp,
Principal
 Isaac Ahern
 Timothy Yun
 Katie Balcao
 Yaeji Keum
 Kivalina Grove
 Alicia Dair
 Rachael Echols
 Jon Derman Harris
 Nicholas Warner
 Valerie Stewart
 Erlee Hjellen
 Cory Chan

CELLO

Mackenzie Holmberg,
Principal
 Brett Lindsay
 Aaron Haynes
 Madeline Endres

Madeleine Amodio
 Keeon Guzman
 Claire Trujillo
 Anna Trujillo
 Jamie Byers
 Daniel Remillard
 Bexley Brown
 Anastasia Hanson
 Jenifer Yun
 Bennett Amodio
 Connor Densmore

STRING BASS

Zachery Akins,
Principal
 Christian McWorkman
 Lydia Doza
 Keenan Brownsberger
 Allyssa Eagleton
 Nathaniel Perkins
 Kevin Fitzpatrick

FLUTE

Annalisa Boslough,
Principal
 Makala Bascome,
also piccolo
 Mimi Ahn,
also piccolo

OBOE

Elika Roohi,
Principal
 Kelly Moran
 Francesca Risse
 Jonathon Pyun

CLARINET

Yixing Shi,
Principal
 Brian Gerd
 Nicholas Prosak
 Steven C. Exelby
 Max Shayer

BASSOON

Tylor Thomas,
Principal
 Scott Munter
 Sarah Cheverie

TRUMPET

Jon Kaplan,
Principal
 Benjamin Claman
 Christopher June
 John Janezich

TROMBONE

Kellen Stark,
Principal
 Trevor Clayton
 Steven Thuneman
 Victoria Bledsoe,
Bass Trombone
 Allison Ross

TUBA

Mark Williams,
Principal

PERCUSSION

Noah Hagen,
Principal
 Eiden Pospisil
 Deven Inch
 Heather Holland
 Nathan Myers

PIANO

Connor Samuelson,
Principal

Our thanks to Kathryn Hoffer for sponsoring the concertmaster chair, and to Celia Rozen for sponsoring the chair of Max Shayer. The chair of Meghan Caves is sponsored by Mormile Physical Therapy, Catherine S. Mormile, DDT, OCS, OTR/L.

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VIOLIN 1

Mikee Agulay C
 Charles Brocales R
 Emma Clink R
 Emily Decker C
 Celina Farmer G
 Kiana Gates ML
 Grace Graham B
 Koleena Guzman G
 Jasmine Han G
 Harrison Jennings G
 *Eunice Kang H
 Journey Penney C
 Emma Westwick R
 Yung Shu Wong P
 Johanna Yun H
 Rachel Zafren R

VIOLIN 2

Yvonne Balgenorth G
 Chad Balmes M
 Jessen Cao R
 Trevor Cole B
 Mampei Fujimoto M
 Emma Griffith R
 William Hail GR
 Nora Laine Herzog WB
 William Kim W
 Mailinh McNicholas R
 Juliona Miller GR
 James Oh NL
 Michaela Pulanco R
 Mariah Savoie R
 *Philip Shin R
 Lindsay Von Tish G

VIOLA

Paige Adler G
 *Katie Aikens G
 Sinead Bolton W
 Ashleigh Bransky ML
 Jennifer Goertz G
 Ethan Harlig G
 Luke Honeck R
 John Kim R
 Ihro Raguindin H
 Sylvia Taylor R
 Danny Teeples GR

CELLO

*Rebecca Jones R
 Caleb Kaas NL
 Aleah Kennedy R
 Paul Lindemuth C
 Annasophia Roberts R
 Eddie Seryozhenkov G
 Alexandra Susich R
 Astrid Williams W
 Samantha Wong NL
 Stella Woo R

STRING BASS

*Aidan Hellén R
 Hubert Joseph, Jr. CL
 Connor Nault H
 Ellen Silverman C

FLUTE

Angelina Bavilla CL
 *Madelyn "Stirly" Boslough R
 Jamie McKoy C
 Kaitie Tunilla N

OBOE

Remy Libbrecht C
 *Emily Reast C
 Jackie Rossett G
 Alexxys Stenson WB

CLARINET

Zoe Brown P
 James Homsley R
 *Dohyun Kim G
 Trinity Winkler CL

BASSOON

*Zayn Roohi M

BARITONE SAXOPHONE

*Evan Bloom C

TRUMPET

Davey Biegel G
 Anthony Braudis CL
 *Henry Thomas G
 Kyle Travis B

FRENCH HORN

Christopher Lindbeck M
 *Sam Miles S
 Eli Shayer R

TROMBONE/BARITONE

Edwin Burton
 *Matt Leseman

PERCUSSION

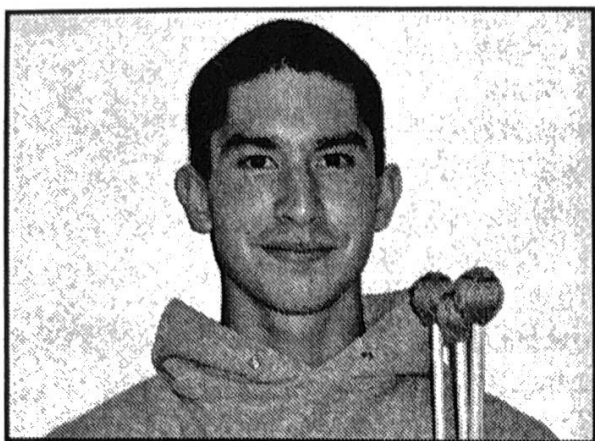
Jerry Guillen CL
 *Alex Wong G

*Section Leader

School Abbreviations

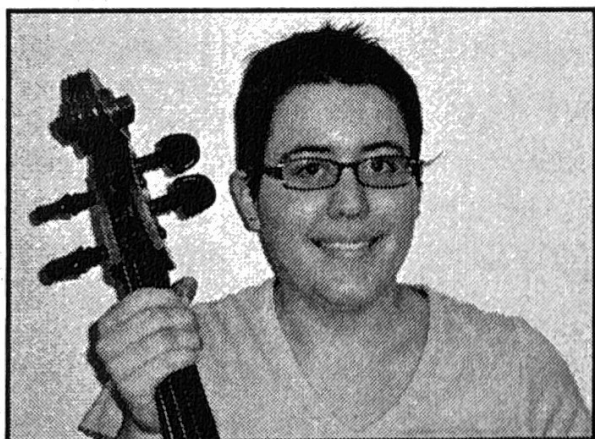
B=Begich
 C=Central
 CL=Clark
 G=Goldenview
 GR=Gruening
 H=Hanshew
 M=Mears
 ML=Mirror Lake
 N=Northern Lights ABC
 P=Polaris
 R=Romig
 S=Steller
 W=Wendler
 WB=Winterberry Charter

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT



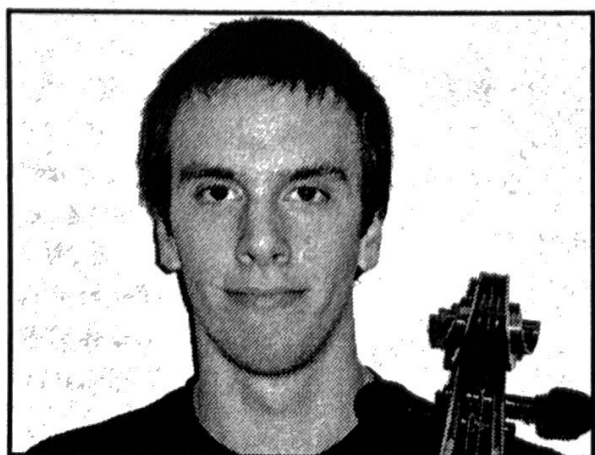
NOAH HAGEN

Noah Hagen is a senior at South Anchorage High School and a four-year member of the AYS percussion section where he is principal. He participated in the 2009 All-Northwest festival, and will participate in the 2009 Alaska All-State Festival. In addition he played in the State Solo and Ensemble percussion Command Performance in 2009, and was nominated for the 2010 American High School Honors Performance at Carnegie Hall. He is a member of the National Honor Society. He participated in the 2008 Arctic Winter Games in cross country skiing. In addition to skiing, he loves running, biking, electric and classical guitar, piano, disc golf, hunting, camping and snow machining. He plans to attend college.



MADELEINE AMODIO

Madeleine Amodio is a senior at West High School and a two year member of the AYS cello section. She earned a superior rating at the State Solo and Ensemble Festival for three years, 07, 08, and 09. In addition she was the West High Concert Orchestra section leader in the spring semester of 09, the West High Chamber Orchestra president in 07-08 and lettered in music with subsequent pins at West High. She is a National Merit Scholar nominee, on the Honor Roll in 07-09, and a member of the National Honor Society. She received the Medal of Achievement and Science from the Colorado School of Mines. She placed third in the French language declamation for poetry in 09. She holds membership in the Mu Alpha Theta (math honor society) chapter at West High, and was voted the most improved swimmer in 06-07. In addition to music and swimming, other interests include reading, writing poetry, and math and science tutoring. She plans to attend a liberal arts college on the East Coast, and travel after college or graduate school.



CONNOR DENSMORE

Connor Densmore is a senior at Service High School and a first year member of the cello section in AYS. He has lettered and received a bar in Concert Orchestra. He likes jamming and playing music with friends and going to String Camp in the summer. He plans to earn college Bachelor's, Master's, and Doctorate degrees in music and continue life in the musical world as a composer, conductor, or teacher/professor.

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Kate Backstrum is a senior at South Anchorage High School and a two year violin player in AYS. She has been a member of South Anchorage High School's Camarata orchestra for three years and lead fiddle and vocals member of the Picks 'n Sticks bluegrass band. Presently she is also learning to play the mandolin. She was on the Alaska All-state cross country ski team in 2009 and participated in the Junior Olympics in cross country skiing. She has been a varsity cross country runner for three years. Other interests include hiking, backpacking and kayaking. She has been a participant in the National Ocean Science Bowl and in the Anchorage Youth for Environmental Action. She plans to study biology and environmental science in college. She also plans in college to continue her violin and cross country skiing



KATE BACKSTRUM

Bryce O'Tierney is a senior at South Anchorage High School and a four year violinist in AYS. As a freshman, she was co-principal of the second violins in AYS. She has been a member of the All-state orchestra for four years, and was assistant principal second in 07 and 08. In 2006 Bryce won the UAA Sinfonia competition playing Mozart's Concerto No. 3. She received honorable mention in the 2008 MTNA (Music Teachers National Association) competition. In the 08-09 season she was selected to perform in the Command Performance for high strings and, with her twin sister Maris, in a vocal duet performance. Bryce attended Interlochen Summer Arts Camp in 2005 and 2006, and the Indiana University String Academy in 2007. Bryce is the founding president of South High's chapter of Tri-M Music Honor Society, and has been the concertmaster of the South High Orchestra since 2007. She is a Violin I alternate in the Anchorage Symphony Orchestra this 09-10 season. Bryce is a member of the National Honor Society. Besides singing with her twin sister, she loves baking chocolate chip pumpkin bread, writing, and is an avid tree-climber. She also loves to read Archaeology Magazine with her tabby cat, Lucky, by her side. She plans a double major in college in violin and English or history. She plans to attend Tufts University in Boston.



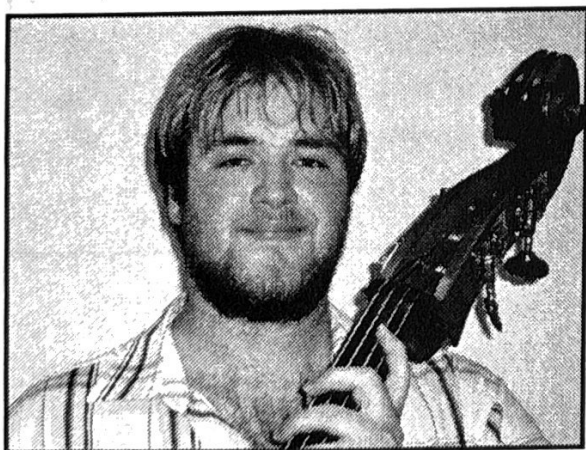
BRYCE O'TIERNEY

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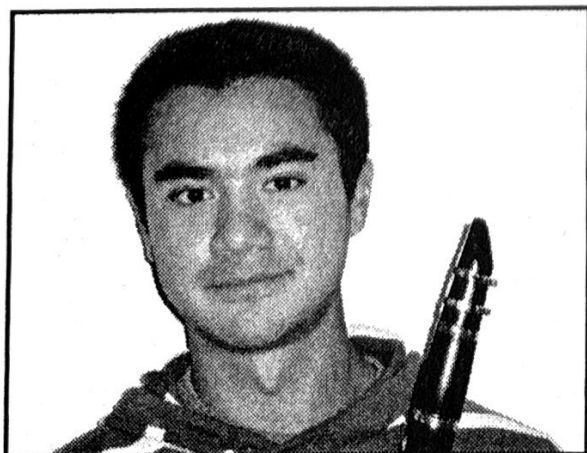
AMBER MATTFIELD

Northern Lights ABC School Orchestra 04-06. She has played violin in the pit orchestra for the South Anchorage High musical theater. She was first place winner in the Battle of the Bands in 07. She has studied piano for twelve years and violin for nine years. She was the first place winner of the Abbott Loop Community Church talent competition in piano composition. In addition she participated in the AYS Australia tour in July 2009. Other activities include participation in the German/American Exchange Program in the summer and fall of 08. She has been on the South Anchorage tennis team from 06-09, and her church worship team for seven years in violin, keyboard, and singing. She plans to earn a degree in music education, and perhaps become an orchestra teacher



KEVIN FITZPATRICK

Kevin Fitzpatrick is a senior at Chugiak High School and a first year member of the AYS string bass section. He is a member of the Chugiak Swing Choir, Concert Choir, Concert Orchestra, and Chugiak Quintet. He has worked closely with Susan and Philip Burch, Mr. Lange, and Ms. Lenoir. He has been on the Honor Roll for all four years (4.0-5.0), and participated in numerous school plays and musicals. He enjoys writing, acting, and traveling and is interested in medicine and medical practices. His college plans are not yet firm, but he is considering studying in Washington State's medical or physical sciences programs.



STEVEN C. EXELBY JR

Steven C. Exelby Jr. is a senior at Robert Service High School and a two year member of the AYS clarinet section. He has been the principal clarinet in the Service High School Band. He participated in the All-State Band in 07 and 09, and in the State Solo and Ensemble Festival receiving a 1 rating in 08 and 09. He received a scholarship from Johns Hopkins University to take a UAA college level math course as a high school freshman. He was a winner of the American Mathematics competition at Service High School in 2009. His main hobby is music, and he is considering college majors in engineering and math.

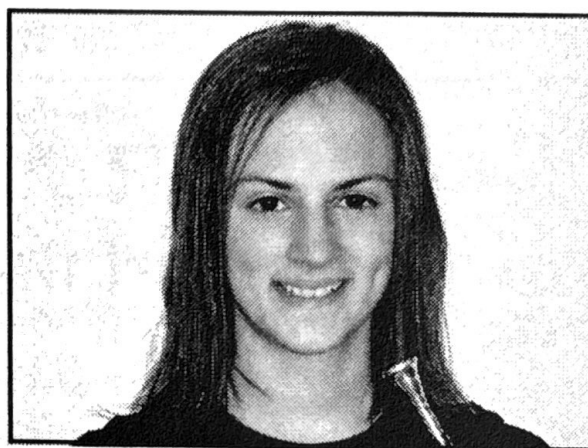
SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Rachel Samber is a senior at Anchorage Christian School and a first year member of the AYS horn section. She received the John Phillip Sousa Award (local award), played first and second chair in the Region Two Honor Band (in multiple years) and in Region Two Solo and Ensemble Festival. She enjoys creative writing, knitting, reading and playing horn. She plans to attend Ithaca University and complete double majors in music performance and music education, as well as a minor in creative writing.



RACHEL SAMBER

Erin Laichak is a senior at A.J. Dimond High school and a first year member of the AYS horn section. She has participated in the All-State Festival since her sophomore year. She won the National History Day contest for the state of Alaska and traveled to Washington, D.C. as a freshman to represent Alaska. She plans to appreciate and enjoy forever the beautiful creations made possible by countless hours of practice and intense study; of dreams once dreamt as the first screechy notes were joyously sounded out—that which we know now as symphonies, as music.



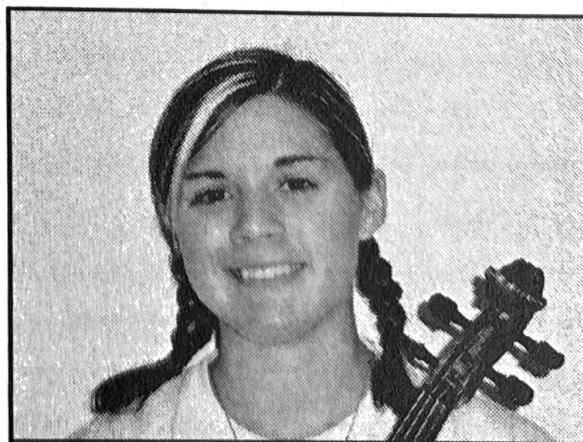
ERIN LAICHAK

Rachael Echols is a senior at Bartlett High School and a first year member of the AYS viola section. She has been recognized as most valuable player and most outstanding student. She likes drawing, dancing, music, cleaning, video games, dressing up and sports. She may attend Brigham Young University in Utah and study plants.



RACHAEL ECHOLS

Alicia Dair-Esquer is a senior at Dimond High School and a first year violist in AYS. She is principal violist in the Advanced Orchestra at Dimond. She has participated in the All-State Festival and also in the State Solo and Ensemble Festival in 07, 08, and 09. She was selected for "Girls Nation 2009," has received various academic awards, has been a First Sergeant and received various awards in JROTC, and participates in varsity cross country skiing and the swim team. In addition to viola, JROTC and sports, she also plays violin. She plans to be both a chaplain in the military and a psychologist.



ALICIA DAIR-ESQUER

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT



MAKALA BASCOME

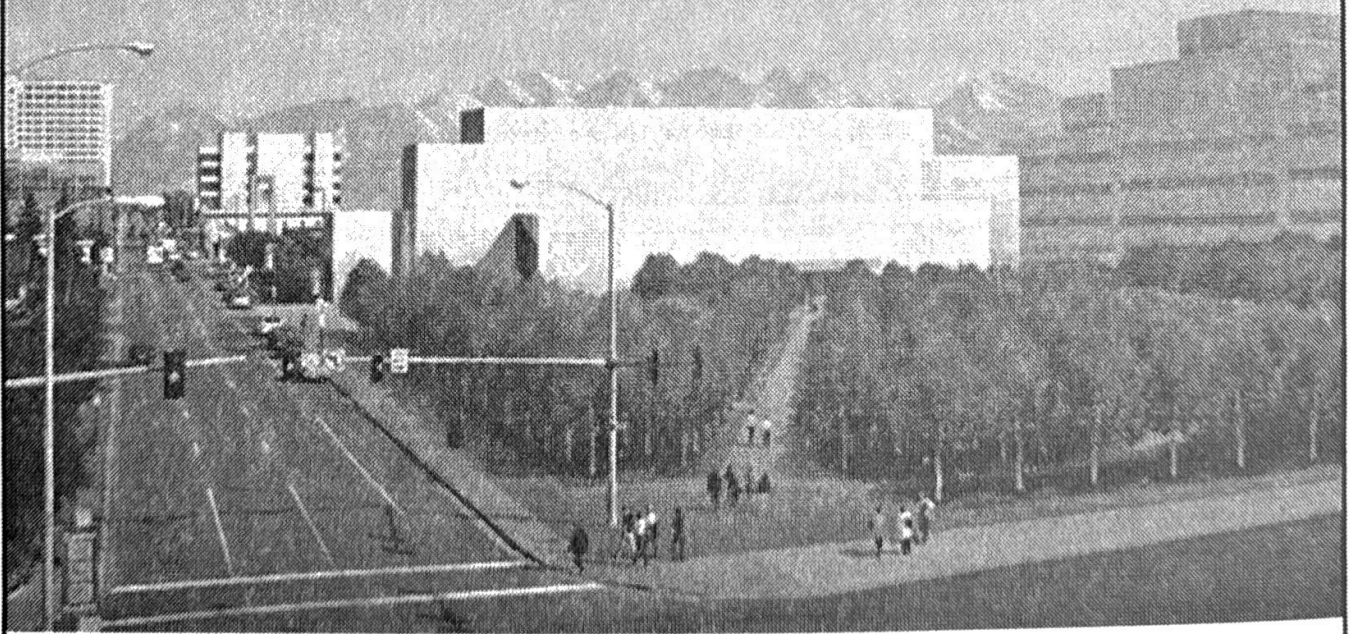
Makala Bascome is a senior at Service High School and a first year member of the AYS flute section. She has been a member of the Arctic Wind Flute Choir since tenth grade, and participated in the State Solo and Ensemble Festival twice. She received a varsity letter in cross country running. In addition to running she likes hanging out with friends. She plans to study music and medicine and become a doctor.

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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.