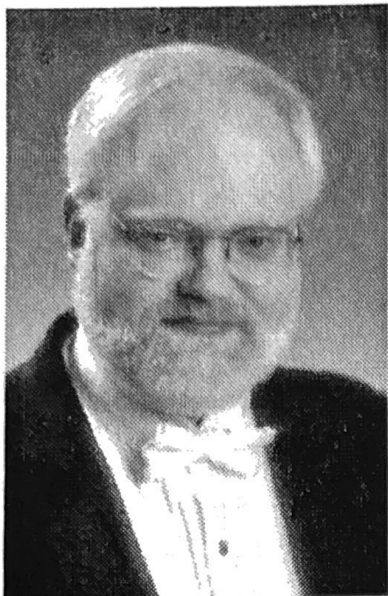


Anchorage Youth Symphony  
Winter Lights  
Program



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## LINN WEEDA

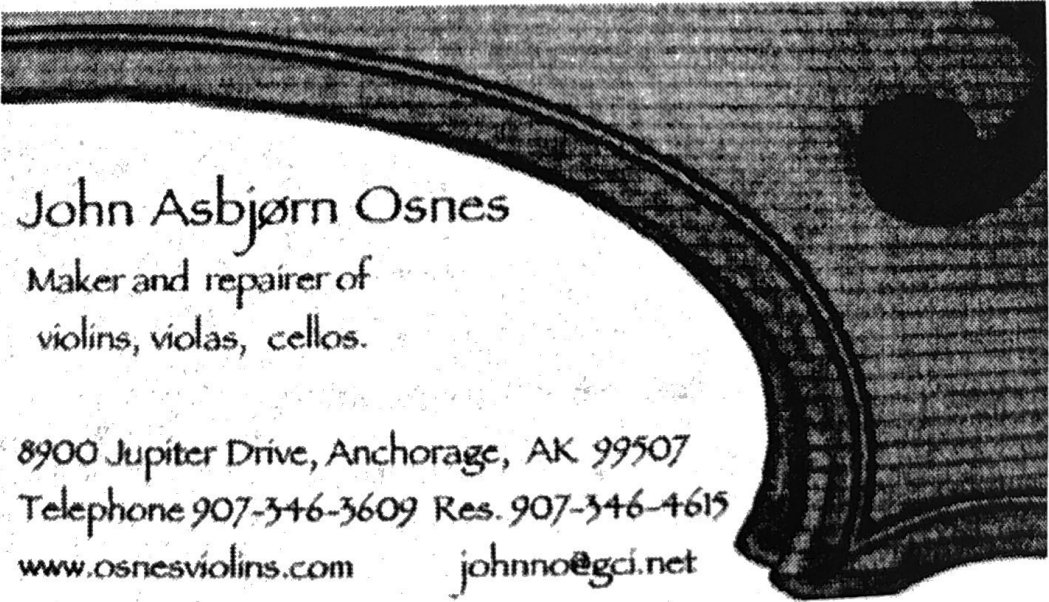
A lifelong Alaskan, Linn Weeda received his baccalaureate from UAF, where his trumpet teacher was James Kowalsky and his conducting teacher was Gordon Wright. He received his Master's from Boston University, where he studied trumpet with Armando Ghitalla and Roger Voisin, won the concerto competition, and was student of the year.

Further studies were with Julio Tancredi in trumpet, Larry Scripp in solfege, Charles Bruck and Günther Schuller in conducting. He has also studied with the principal trumpeters of the Atlanta, London, Los Angeles, and Rotterdam orchestras.

As a freelancer in Boston, he was a member of a number of orchestras and was heard nationally on National Public Radio performing on baroque trumpet with the Smithsonian Chamber Players. He has given recitals and performed concertos throughout the country and in Asia. He has appeared with most of the orchestras and festivals in Alaska as soloist – most recently appearing with the Anchorage Symphony, performing a world premier of a trumpet concerto written for him by Boston composer Louis Stewart.

As a conductor, Weeda led orchestras 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. He was Staff Conductor of the Greater Boston Youth Symphony. He regularly conducts the Anchorage Symphony Orchestra in the annual Halloween concert and in Young People's Concerts. He has led the AYS on tours within Alaska and on international tours to Australia and, in the summer of 2010, to China.

Currently Weeda is Music Director of the Anchorage Youth Symphony, Assistant Music Director and Principal Trumpet of the Anchorage Symphony, Principal Trumpet of the Anchorage Opera. In addition to his many credits as a performer, Weeda 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, and trumpet at the University of Alaska Anchorage.



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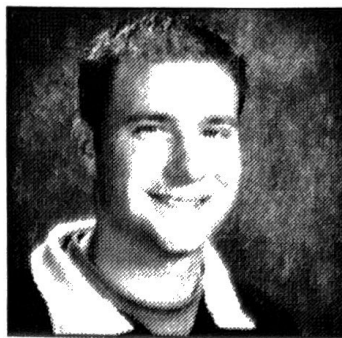
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GUEST CONDUCTOR, JUNIOR YOUTH SYMPHONY  
DANIEL WHITFIELD

Daniel Whitfield is beginning his 6<sup>th</sup> 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

GUEST CONDUCTOR, ELEMENTARY HONOR ORCHESTRA  
EMILY TOLLESON

Emily Tolleson is a 2008 graduate from the University of Alaska Fairbanks. She has a degree in music education specializing in grades K – 12 and a minor in psychology. Emily had played with the Fairbanks Symphony Orchestra for five years before moving back to her home in Eagle River. She was born in Utah and lived overseas for many years, but it wasn't until she entered the ASD school system did she find her love for music. Emily is currently an ASD orchestra teacher at Gruening Middle School and Mirror Lake Middle School and loves sharing her passion for music with her students.

Thanks to our AYS Coaches!

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*

Cheryl Pierce, *French horn*

Jason Edwards, *trumpet*

Paul Fredrickson, *trombone and tuba*

C. David Williamson, *percussion*

# Program

## Winter Lights

### **Anchorage Elementary Honor Orchestra**

Emily Tolleson, Conductor

Elliot Del Borgo.....	<b>March Royal</b>
Ed Siennicki.....	<b>Frog in a Tree</b>
Bob Phillips.....	<b>Alison's Waltz</b>
Fred Hubbell.....	<b>March of the Mentro Gnome</b>
Traditional, arr. Robert Tornfelt.....	<b>Sailor Song</b>
Elliot Del Borgo.....	<b>Sonatine For Strings</b>

### **Anchorage Junior Youth Symphony**

Daniel Whitfield, Conductor

Georges Bizet, arr. Merle J. Isaac.....	<b>Farandole from "L'Arlesienne Suite No. 2"</b>
Traditional, arr. Elliot Del Borgo.....	<b>Hatikvah</b>
Robert W. Smith.....	<b>Rites of Tamburo</b>
Johann Strauss, arr. Merle J. Isaac.....	<b>Tritsch Tratsch Polka</b>

----- *Intermission* -----

### **Anchorage Youth Symphony**

Linn Weeda, Conductor

Leonard Bernstein .....	<b>Overture to <i>Candide</i></b>
Camille Saint-Saens .....	<b>Danse Macabre, op. 40</b>
Ingolf Dahl .....	<b>Quodlibet on American Folk Tunes</b> <b>("The Fancy Blue Devil's Breakdown")</b>
Gioachino Rossini .....	<b>Overture to <i>William Tell</i></b>

# **Anchorage Youth Symphony**

**Linn Weeda, Music Director**

## **Violin 1**

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

## **Violin 2**

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

## **Viola**

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

## **Cello**

Mackenzie Holmberg, Principal  
Brett Lindsay  
Aaron Haynes  
Madeline Endres  
Madeleine Amodio  
Keeon Guzman  
Anna Trujillo  
Claire Trujillo  
Daniel Remillard  
Jamie Byers  
Anastasia Hanson  
Bexley Brown  
Bennett Amodio  
Jenifer Yun  
Connor Densmore

## **Bass**

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

## **Flute**

Annalisa Boslough, Principal  
Mimi Ahn  
Megan Lynn  
Solome' Scott  
Makala Bascome

## **Piccolo**

Solome' Scott  
Makala Bascome

## **Oboe**

Elika Roohi, Principal  
Kelly Moran  
Francesca Risse  
Jonathon Pyun

## **English Horn**

Kelly Moran

## **Clarinet**

Yixing Shi, Principal  
Brian Gerd  
Nicholas Prosak  
Steve Exelby  
Max Shayer

## **Bass Clarinet**

Steve Exelby

## **Bassoon**

Scott Munter, Principal  
Tylor Thomas  
Sarah Cheverie

## **Horn**

Lily Hunter, Principal  
Christopher Dennis  
Samuel Dougherty  
Erin Laichak  
Rachel Samber

## **Trumpet**

Jon Kaplan, Principal  
John Janezich  
Christopher June  
Benjamin Claman

## **Trombone**

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

## **Tuba**

Sarah Noel, Principal

## **Percussion/Timpani**

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

## **Piano**

Connor Samuelson, Principal

# Junior Youth Symphony

## Daniel Whitfield, Conductor

### Flute

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

### Oboe

\*Remy Libbrecht C  
Emily Reast C  
Alexxys Stenson WB

### Clarinet

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

### Bassoon

\*Zayn Roohi M

### Trumpet

Davey Biegel G  
Anthony Braudis CL  
\*Henry Thomas G  
Kyle Travis trumpet 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

### 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  
Mampej 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  
\*Phillip 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

### Bass

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

#### \* Section Leader

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



NATHANEL KNAPP

Nathaniel Knapp is a senior at East High School and plays viola for the AYS. He's played for four years in AYS. Nathaniel has been a member of 2007 All-Northwest Orchestra, was 1st chair viola in 2008 and 2009 All-State Orchestras, was National finalist in 2008 MTNA senior piano duet competition, 4th in the 2009 Powerline Pass trail run, 4th place at 2009 Region IV running meet, 7th place at 2009 Alaska state cross-country running meet. In addition, Nathaniel is a National Merit Scholar finalist. Nathaniel enjoys Cross-country running, cross-country skiing, track, rollerskiing, mountain running, viola, piano, and ultimate Frisbee. Next year, Nathaniel plans to go to the college on the East coast, major in biology or chemistry, and become a research scientist or a doctor.



ALICIA DAIR

Alicia is a senior at Dimond High School and a first year member of the AYS, where she plays viola. She's been playing the violin since age 5, performing in 5 bluegrass bands until age 11, has been a Suzuki student since age 5, State level of Solo and Ensemble participant in grades 9-11, on violin and viola, 1<sup>st</sup> Chair violist in Dimond High School advanced orchestra junior and senior year, Participant in the All-State Orchestra in the 2008-2009 season and the 2009-2010 season both on viola. Alicia was selected to go to Girls Nation last summer, is Cadet First Sergeant in Dimond High School's JROTC program, does triathlons, cross country ski team at Dimond and is on the swim team for Dimond her junior and senior years. Victoria plays violin in Churches Worship band every Sunday, is a member of church youth group and a member of the Dimond High's Christian Club. After graduation, Alicia plans to be a Chaplain in the Military and then once retired become a Psychologist and a Pastor.



GEURIM JUNIE KIM

Violinist Geurim Junie Kim is a senior in the AP Gifted Program at West High School. As a four-year member, she has served as the concertmaster of AYS since 2007. She began her music studies with her mother on cello and piano at the age of 3 and violin at 5. One year later, she made her first performance at the Korean Culture Performing Hall. Since then she has won numerous competitions, including the 1998 National Educational University Competition and 1999 National Music Association of Korea, performing the Mozart Violin Concert No.3. She was one of the six national finalists and the youngest award winner in the pre-college Strings Competition for Peniel School of Music in 1999.

Continuing her competitive musical performances, she was the winner of the state MTNA Competition for strings, Junior Division in 2005 and Senior Division in 2009. She has received superior ratings in City and State Solo and Ensemble Festivals. In 2006, she made her first orchestral debut with AYS, as its concerto competition winner, performing Tzigane by Maurice Ravel. In 2009, she made guest soloist performances with the Anchorage Symphony Orchestra in the Young Peoples Concert for over 7,000 elementary school students and with the Anchorage Civic Orchestra in the Around the World Annual Family Concert. She has played in many orchestras, including the Alaska All-State Orchestra for the 2006~2008 seasons. Recently, she was the only violinist from Alaska to have been accepted into the biennial All- Northwest Orchestra twice in 2007 and 2009 under Maestro Gerard Schwarz.

Aside from music, she has garnered many winning awards from math and science competitions, including the Trigstar Math school division competition, the Alaska State Science Fair in the Medicine category, and the UAA Engineering competition. She was the recipient of the U.S. Army and Naval Science awards in 2008 for her research on metabolic syndrome and diabetes. She has also won first place at State Language Declamation Contest in Art and French language categories and her West High team is the 2009 We the People state champion.

She was the President of National Honor Society at West and has been nominated for numerous leadership competitions, most notably for Tomorrow25 Competition in 2008 winning one of 50 international finalist spots. She is the 2009 National Merit Scholar finalist, UA Scholar, and AP Scholar with distinction. Additionally, she received the Spirit of Youth Award for volunteering and has completed various mentorship programs under Dr. Maciejewski and Dr. Ellerbe at Providence and Regional Hospitals.

Most notably among these honorable accomplishments, Geurim was the US representative guest speaker for the International Bandi Radio Show in 2008, promoting English Education across the globe with listeners in Asia, North America, and Europe.

Her hobbies include teaching, shopping, and dancing. She also enjoys studying Latin, art, and cooking pasta. She plans to continue her music studies and biological sciences in college and travel in Europe before going on to medical school.

Currently, she studies with Dawn Lindsay and would like to give many thanks to: Linn Weedda, Lena Lukina-Shelt, Kathryn Hoffer, Svetlana Velichko, Juliana Osinchuk, Pamela Orme, and Judy Friar for their amazing support.



Victoria Bledsoe is a senior at Chugiak High School and plays Bass Trombone with AYS. She's attended Interlochen Trombone Institute in 2008, participated in All-State in 2009, 1<sup>st</sup> Chair and section leader in Chugiak High School's symphonic winds band. In addition, she is the lieutenant Secretary for Key Club (a community service group), varsity gymnast at Chugiak High School, recipient of the YWCA Young Woman of Achievement Award, and the Spirit of Youth Award, and she's attended Girls State through the American Legion. In her free time, she enjoys traveling and has been to 10 countries, gardening, and volunteering. In the future, she plans to attend Wellesley College in Boston, MA, and plans to major in political science.

VICTORIA BLEDSOE

# Elementary Honor Orchestra

Emily Tolleson, Conductor

## Violin

Taylor Anderson K  
Jacob Baisden O  
Jonas Banta D  
Savannah Bassett ML  
Whitney DeMarco GW  
Rosie Flesher P  
Michael Gallagher B  
Cerys Green K  
Taylor Haines RP  
Hanna Hellen C  
Sujin In BA  
Nami Kim B  
Alecis Kionisala NL  
Johanna Kumpula H  
Arin Lee NL  
Gio Lee RP  
Kristen Lepley O  
Diana Lituinenko RP  
Jack Martin W  
Rowan McCarthy OM  
Tory McCarthy SL  
Tomas Oh NL  
Anna Padrick RC  
Teighlor Rardon BX  
Karina Rasavong K  
Marlon Saturnino T  
Naomi Sloan A  
Isabelle Suh B  
Gabby Susich RP  
Amber Totemoff BO  
Emily Wade RC  
Taryn Whittaker CK  
William Wood B

## Viola

Denzela Baker GW  
Brenna Boschetto OM  
Holly Burns C  
Jimmy Campbell SL  
Julie Duclos BA  
Helen Goodyear C  
Andrew Hahn AL  
Mitch Hedrick H  
Matthew Hoefler H  
Megan Kenner P  
Kari Parrish TK  
Mallory Raymore OV  
Alexander Seryozhenkov H

## Cello

Lauren Gaither SL  
Jade Hicks K  
Lia Montana P  
Alaina Moore SL  
Makenna Okeson OM  
Paul Preusser ML  
Sarah Souders BO  
Tami Suenram BA  
Charlissa Titus B  
Kara White OV  
Jina Yu SL

## Bass

Emily Arsenault BX  
Flurina Boslough C  
Constance Caparas AL  
Jonathan Reintsma BX  
Joshua Willis O

Accompanist: Susan Burch

A= Aurora	ML= Mirror Lake
AL= Alpenglow	NL= Northern Lights ABC
B= Begich	O= Orion
BA= Bayshore	OV= Oceanview
BO= Bowman	OM= O'Malley
BX= Baxter	P= Polaris K-12
C= Chugach	RC= Rabbit Creek
CK= Chinook	RP= Rogers Park
D= Denali	SL= Sand Lake
GW= Gladys Wood	T= Tudor
H= Huffman	TK= Taku
K= Klatt	W= Winterberry Charter

## History of the AYS

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 Krut 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. 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 DC.

In 1986 and 1987 Linn Weeda led the orchestra. In 1987, John Duff was appointed Music Director. During his tenure the orchestra toured Scotland. In 1991 Russell Guyver succeeded Duff, instituting 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, scholarships, and extensive touring..

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 will instill in young people discipline and the joy of great musical ideas.

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