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Anchorage Youth Symphony
CONCERT PROGRAM

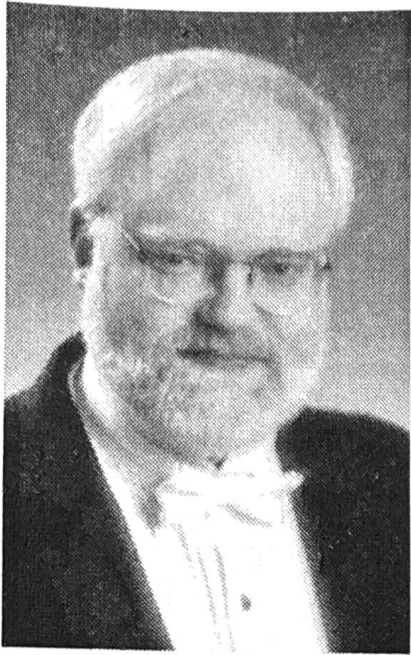
Discovery Theater
Alaska Center for the Performing Arts



Anchorage Youth
SYMPHONY

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Conductor: 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 Gunther 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.

Anchorage Youth Symphony : Linn Weeda, Music Director

Violin 1

Bryce O'Tierney,
Concertmaster
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

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
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
Kevin Fitzpatrick

Flute

Mimi Ahn, Principal
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
Sarah Cheverie

Horn

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

Trumpet

Jon Kaplan, Principal
John Janezich
Christopher June
Benjamin Claman
Joel Schnaper

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

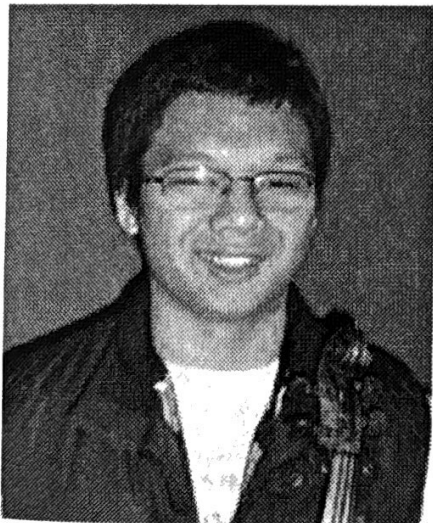
Connor Samuelson, Principal

SENIOR PROFILES



ZACHERY AKINS

Zachery Akins plays double bass and is a senior at Dimond High School. He's been a member of AYS for 2 years, principal bassist for AYS for 1 year, a member of All-State orchestra for 3 years, a 4 year member of Dimond's Concert Orchestra and 3 years as its principal bassist. In addition to his musical talents, Zachery has been voted "Best Hair at Dimond" by the senior class at Dimond High School, and carries the nickname "Manbear." Zachery also recently learned how to twirl a pen. In addition, Zachery loves to play with his cat, and possesses artistic talents, which he uses to doodle goats and turtles. His plans for the future include a career in Music Education, and to dabble with symphonies and jazz gigs on the side.

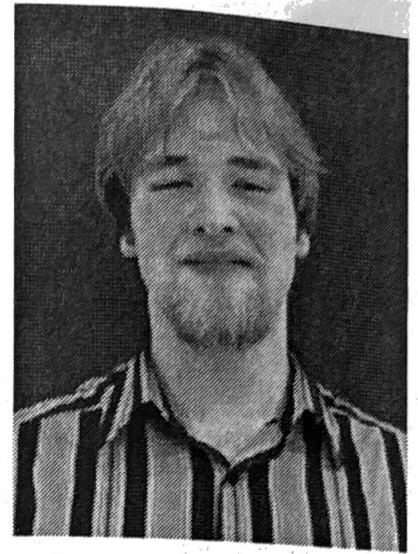


CARLO BALMES

Carlo Balmes plays violin for the AYS and is a senior at Dimond High School. He's played in All State Orchestras for 3 years, and has received All State Solo and Ensemble superior ratings for 3 years. He's played with the AYS for 3 years. Carlo is also the Vice President of the Dimond Key Club, maintains a 4.1 GPA, and will be graduating with Honors. In addition, he's completed two gifted mentorships in Spinal Medicine and Pharmacy. In his free time, Carlo loves to play tennis, and enjoys hanging out with friends. He plans to attend Washington State to earn his PharmD and will become a Pharmacist.

KEVIN FITZPATRICK

Kevin Fitzpatrick plays string bass for the AYS and attends Chugiak High School. He is the principal bassist in the Chugiak High Orchestra, and a member of the Chugiak High Swing Choir. He has performed on several occasions as part of a string quartet, and is a frequent performer at church choir activities. Beyond his musical talents, Kevin maintains an academically excellent 4.0 GPA, can grow a pretty sweet beard, and is an officially licensed hero. He's traveled to China, Costa Rica, Canada, Hawaii, and is an avid supporter of performance art including acting and musicals. He also owns a 1967 Ford Thunderbird. His hobbies include fiction writing, acting, singing, running, real wrestling, and electronic entertainment (video games). Kevin plans to attend University of Washington as a medical student and will become a medical practitioner in the future. He also plans to grow his beard long enough to compete in a beard-sculpture competition, sing with the Tabernacle Choir, and attend a mission as a Latter Day Saint.

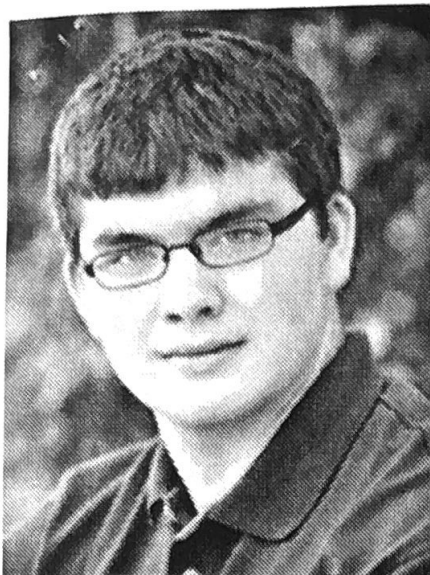


MAKALA BASCOME

Makala Bascome plays flute for the AYS and is a senior at Robert Service High School. She's been in the Arctic Wind Flute Choir since 10th grade and was in All State band in her senior year. She belongs to the cross country running team, and is founder and vice president of Yoga Club. When she has some spare time, she tutors in math. Her hobbies include running, reading, hanging out with friends, and teaching the 6th grade band flute players at Trailside Elementary. In the future, she plans to attend college, though she's still unsure where, and she'll continue playing flute. She plans to pursue a career in the medical field.



SENIOR PROFILES



BRIAN GERD

Brian attends South Anchorage High School and plays clarinet for the AYS. Brian secured a four year Academic Letter - Gold Star status; three years as a National Honor Society member; and is a National Commended Scholar and a University of Alaska Scholar. The importance of Community involvement is evident by receiving the 2009 President's Volunteer Service Award (150 service hours with the Municipal Library, Alaska Zoo, and Habitat for Humanity); his volunteered participation with a three year term as Teen Liaison to Anchorage Municipal Library Advisory Board; and providing annually 60 volunteer hours with the Municipal Library for the past five years.

Battle of the Books participation (9th and 10th grade), with a State of Alaska third place finish freshman year, continued to introduce various authors – a good thing, as in his free time Brian enjoys reading, recreational basketball, wii, risk and mahjongg dimensions. Continued education is most certainly in the picture – with a sampling of music to enrich the experience.

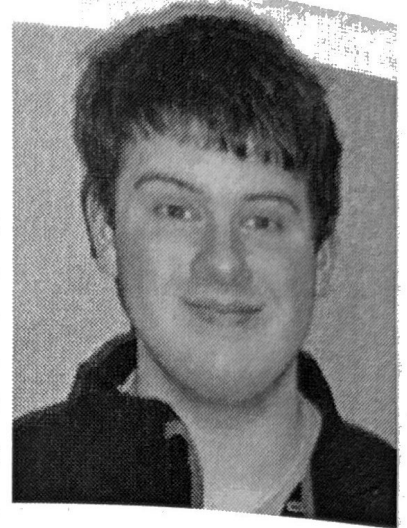


HEATHER HOLLAND

Heather Holland is a percussionist with the AYS and attends Robert Service High School. She's participated in Solo & Ensemble, II in duet (in 2008), I in solo (in 2010), and has three letters in Band. She's a member of the Personal Achievement Within Service Society at Robert Service High School, an honor given by teachers to a very select group of students each year. She's also the captain of the DDF team. In her free time, she enjoys reading, thread-craft, metal-working, and anime. She plans to attend college in Oregon to become a music teacher.

MACK HOLMBERG

Mack Holmberg is a senior at Chugiak High School and plays cello in the AYS. Once long ago, in the depths of urban Alaska, a child was born into the world with bright red hair! His name was Mack and he had no idea what the classical music was except for the fact that it represented an upper crust of society. As time passed he had gone through rebellious phases where he wanted to play the flute or even the violin... but logic prevailed and during his 8th grade year, he chose to play the cello. After a year of playing in the school orchestras, Mack, inspired by the Prelude from Bach's First Suite for Solo Cello played by Jon Genziano, decided to pursue private instruction under Art Braendel who sparked his curiosity for the instrument and then eventually to Linda Ottum who inspired a sense of creativity and magnificent passion which still feeds his 2 am practice schedule. She has definitely been the most inspirational person in his life and he thanks her from the bottom of his heart. Mack has participated in Regional and State Solo and Ensemble for three years and has received Superior Ratings for each performance. He has also been a two consecutive year participant in the Alaska All-State Orchestra. He was also a member of the All-Northwest Orchestra held in Spokane, Washington and would like to thank Jean Lenoir for tolerating him on the plane rides/in general. Despite what may seem like an obsessive life for music, Mack still manages to lead a very productive life with much emphasis on the social aspect. Mack plans on attending Indiana University's Jacobs School of Music in the fall of 2010 to pursue a degree in Music Performance where he has been presented with the Premier Young Artist Award. Mack would like to finally thank his family for their overwhelming support in his dreams of an education in music.

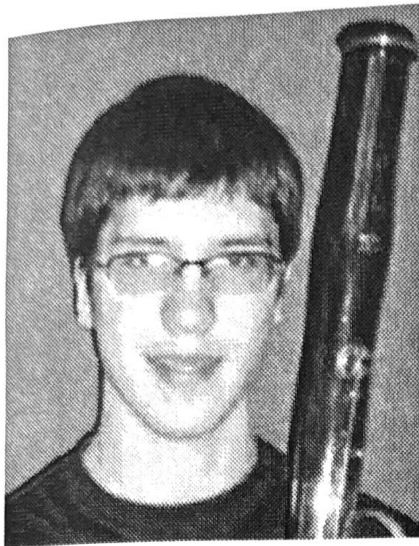


LILY HUNTER

Lily is a senior at Chugiak High School and has played French Horn at AYS for 4 years. She's the Principal horn for the 09-10 AYS season. Lily has participated in All-State for 3 years, was 1st chair in All-State Orchestra in 09, All-Northwest Band 09, received a superior rating at District and State Solo and Ensemble festivals 07 - 09, Command Performance for solo in 09, 1st Chair in Chugiak High School Symphonic Band for 4 years; lettered in band for 4 years substitute for Anchorage Symphony Orchestra, including playing as assistant principal in Nutcracker twice, and in Anchorage Civic Orchestra during the 07-08 season. Lily has received letters for Soccer and Flag Football, has been an Honor Roll student for all 4 years of high school, and was 1st place at German II Declamation Competition Solo Impromptu & Dialogue 2010. She enjoys spending time with people she's close to, reading, speaking a little German, killing her competition in ping-pong and badminton, traveling, taking photographs, and making others laugh. Next year, she plans to attend Montana State University in Bozeman, where she will continue playing horn and will major in elementary education.



SENIOR PROFILES



SCOTT MUNTER

Scott is a Senior at South Anchorage High School. He has been a bassoonist with AYS for three years, and has participated in All-State Band, Solo-Ensemble Festival, and a pit band. Scott plays bassoon, contrabassoon, trombone, and taxi horn. He would like to play the bugle, but would have to relearn reading treble clef. His favorite AYS moments include demonstrating the lowest note possible in the symphony on the contrabassoon.

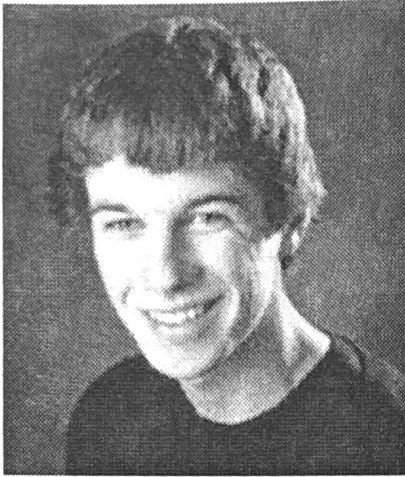
Scott has been a member of the South Cross-Country Running and Skiing teams for four years, and is a member of National Honor Society, an AP Scholar With Distinction, and a UA Scholar. His team won the State Battle of the Books in 2006. He plans to become an Eagle Scout in the near future. He also enjoys hiking, camping, backpacking, hunting, orienteering, bicycling, canoeing, kayaking, sailing, snowmachining, trampolining, ziplining, Ultimate Frisbee, catapult construction and operation, log cabin building, Dungeons and Dragons, reading, eating, and sleeping way past noon.

Scott plans to attend college at the University of Wisconsin – Madison, which is some distance away from home but far enough North to have snow. He intends to major in Engineering. With luck he may be able to put the detention he received in 7th grade for constructing catapults at his desk out of rubber bands and paper clips to some good use in his Engineering career.



ELIKA ROOHI

Elika Roohi is a senior at Dimond High School. She is the principal oboist of the Anchorage Youth Symphony, and has been a member for the last three years. Erika was a member of the All Northwest Band in 2009, and the All-State Band and All State Orchestra in 2008, and as first chair in 2009. Erika also plays with the UAA Wind Ensemble. This year, she was the winner of the Anchorage Civic Orchestra concerto competition. In addition to music, Erika has run cross country for Dimond for the past four years. She is also the editor-in-chief of Dimond's newspaper, and enjoys writing opinions for them. Erika also enjoys playing the ukulele, making tutus, reading John Green novels, and participating in Baha'i youth activities. Next year, Erika plans to go to college and study something interesting, and then use said interesting degree to save the world.



MAX SHAYER

Max Shayer is a senior at West Anchorage High School and a third-year member of the Anchorage Youth Symphony. As a clarinetist, he was a four-time selection to the Alaska All State Band, and in 2009 was selected to the All State Orchestra Winds Section. To date, Max has participated in three State Solo & Ensemble Music Festivals, twice earning Superior Ratings winning an Outstanding Performance Award in 2008 and a Command Performance Award in 2009. Max is an International Baccalaureate Diploma Candidate, a National Merit Finalist, an AP Scholar with Honor, a Presidential Scholars Program candidate, and received a Spirit of Youth Cultural Activities Award for his involvement in the Azoy Geferlacht Klezmer Band. He placed first in Alaska in the American Mathematics Contest and advanced to the American Invitational Mathematics Examination for the past three years. Max is a cross-country runner and skier, earning Varsity Letters his senior years. In the summer of 2009, Max was selected to attend the Research Science Institute in Cambridge. His favorite memory with AYS was playing Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 4. Max plans to study chemical engineering at either the Massachusetts Institute of Technology or Harvard University. He would like to thank Dr. Mark Wolbers, Marcia Stratman, Freya Wardlaw-Bailey, and most especially Crystal Hanson for their continuous support and encouragement.



YIXING SHI

Yixing plays "B" Clarinet in the AYS and is a senior at South Anchorage High School. She's participated in All State Orchestra for 4 years, and has had principal seat for the last 2 years. She's also a 2 year participant of the All Northwest Honor Band, a 4 year participant of State Solo and Ensemble, and a 4 year member of the Anchorage Youth Symphony. She plays tennis on the Varsity tennis team, is an AP scholar with distinction, and received 3rd place at the Bartlett Math Invitational. Yixing enjoys math, reading, tennis, skiing, planning evil schemes, and working in the genetics lab. Next year she plans to attend college in preparation to start her own small business.

ANCHORAGE YOUTH SYMPHONY

Concert

April 27, 2010, 7:00PM

Discovery Stage of the Alaska Center for the Performing Arts

Leonard Bernstein..... Overture to *Candide*

Arturo Márquez.....Danzon No. 2

Ney Rosauro Concerto for Marimba

I: Saudação (greeting)

Noah Hagen, Marimba

Winner, 2010 AYS Concerto Competition

INTERMISSION

Piotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky Symphony No. 5 in e minor, Op. 64

- I. Andante — Allegro con anima
- II. Andante cantabile, con alcuna licenza
- III. Valse: Allegro moderato
- IV. Andante maestoso— Allegro vivace

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.