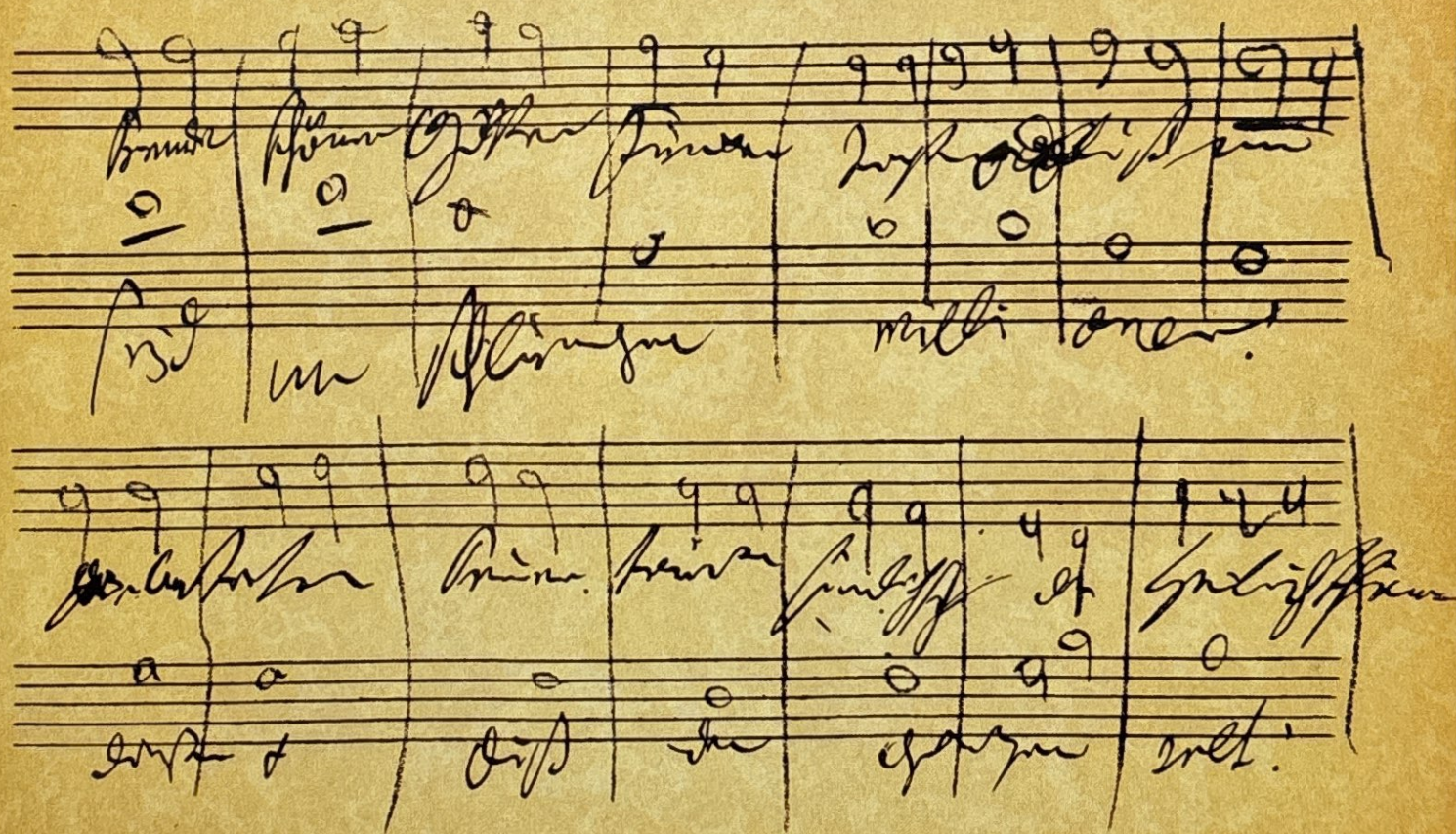


Discovery Theater, Alaska Center for the Performing Arts
May 3, 2011, 7:00PM



ANCHORAGE YOUTH **S**YMPHONY

Anchorage Youth Symphony: Linn Weeda, Conductor

Violin 1

Anna Clink, Concertmaster
Eunice Kang
Frances Larsen
Sarah Hennessy
Meghan Caves
Celina Farmer
Frances Tso
Tyler Hunt-Smith
Ellie Simpson
Koleena Guzman
Connor Samuelson
Kirsten Williams
Olivia Allen

Violin 2

Brendon Mezzetti, Principal
Talia Sopp
Sijo Smith
Caitlin Fletcher
Evdokyia Hail
Yung Shu Wong
Tremaine Chisholm
Jasmine Han
Carie Navio
Kendra Paskvan
Lily York
Leif Monnett
Holly Smith
Katie Neimeyer
Mathew Markiewicz

Viola

Isaac Ahern, Principal
Katie Balcao
Valerie Stewart
Kivalina Grove
Mariah DeJesus-Remaklus
Yaeji Keum
Katie Aikens
Erlee Hjellen
Sinead Bolton

Viola (contd)

Cory Chan
Sharifa Charles

Cello

Brett Lindsay, Principal
Cealice Kennison
Aaron Haynes
Maddy Endres
Keon Guzman
Daniel Remillard
Michael Green
Jamie Byers
Andrew Steinkruger
Bennet Amodio
Anastasia Hanson

Bass

Christian McWorkman, Principal
Keenan Brownsberger
Alyssa Eagleton
Ellen Silverman
Whitney Winders
Aidan Hellen
Conor Nault

Flute

Anna Boslough, Principal
Mimi Ahn
Meagan Lynn
Solome Scott
Stirly Boslough

Piccolo

Salome Scott

Oboe

Kelly Moran, Principal
Fancesca Risse
Jon Pyun
Zachary Minster

Clarinet

Nicholas Prosak, Principal
Dohyun Kim
Jae-Rim Lee
Christian Atta-Darkwah

Bassoon

Shea Hendren, Principal
Sarah Cheverie
Zayne Roohi

Horn

Chris Dennis, Principal
Sam Dougherty
Michaela Thompson
Erik Oder
Eli Shayer
Kelly Moran

Trumpet

Jon Kaplan, Principal
Chris June
John Janezich
Ben Claman
Joel Schnaper

Trombone

Kellen Stark, Principal
Steven Thuneman
Allison Ross
David Burgess

Percussion

Eiden Pospisil, Principal
Deven Inch
Nathan Myers

Anchorage Youth Symphony Repertory Orchestra: Lee Wilkins, Conductor

Violin 1

Mikee Franciene Agulay,
Concertmaster
Lyndyn Hurley
Rachel Bieganski
Grace Graham
Ellie Hakari
Celeste Hamre

Violin 2

Jessica Luiken, Principal
Kendall Hurley
Kalyn Price
Chad Balmes
Ben Chang
James Oh
Charles Brocales

Viola

Lindsey Dudley, Principal

Cello

Jared Caiazza, Principal
Rebekah Dompier
Anne Hittson
Ben Smith
Astrid Williams
Elizabeth Tix
Allister Lindamood
Ruth Take

Flute

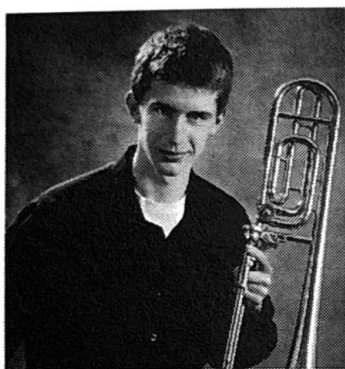
Katie Galang, Principal
Jamie McKoy
Sarah Wilson

Trumpet

Jonathan Goode, Principal
Connor Scher
Henry Thomas

Trombone

Edwin Burton, Principal
Jacob Wahry
James Berg

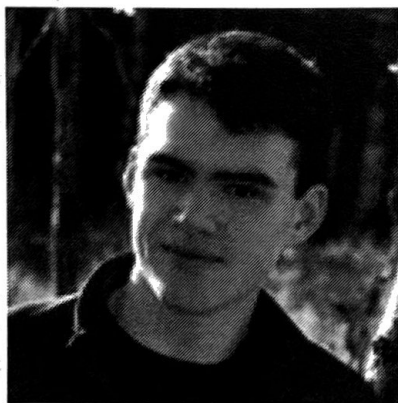


KELLEN STARK

Kellen is a senior at South and plays trombone for the AYS. He's been the Principal trombone for 2 years, and has been 4th chair in All-State Band Senior year, 1st trombone in ASD Honor Jazz Band. In addition, he participated in AJW for a number of years. Kellen has played with Michael Davis, Jovino Santos Neto, and other accomplished jazz musicians. In his free time, Kellen loves hiking, biking, and camping. Kellen plans to go to college but at the time of writing had not decided among the options. He hopes to receive a music scholarship to WWU. In addition, Kellen hopes to travel during college to some exotic location, with or without his trombone.

SHARIFA CHARLES

Sharifa is a senior at Eagle River High School and plays viola for the AYS. She's been chosen for All state orchestra in 2010, and 2010 Solo and Ensemble on the state level. She is an alumna of the ASD's Junior Youth Symphony and has participated in solo and ensemble since 2005. Sharifa has been on the Honor Roll in 2009 – 2010, and was accepted in to University of Alaska Anchorage, where she plans to pursue a Bachelor of Science in Accounting. Sharifa loves to cook and read books. She collects Care Bear products and loves shopping, especially for shoes. After graduating from UAA, Sharifa hopes to get a PhD in Accounting and/ or Business, and become the CFO of an accounting firm.



SAM DOUGHTERY

Sam is a senior at South Anchorage High and has played horn with the AYS for 4 years. Previously he played with the Junior Youth Symphony for 2 years. Sam has played for 4 years with the South Anchorage Symphonic Band and is an Honor Band member. He also plays piano and received a participation ribbon for piano competition at 9 years old. Sam is an avid skier and is a Junior National Team Nordic skier, a competitive biathlete, and received the Good Citizen Award by the Daughters of the American Revolution. His other interests include ukulele playing, guitar, skiing, and climbing mountains. Sam hopes to attend college in a snowy place and plans to major in business.

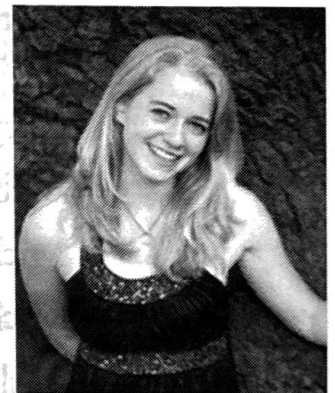


KIVALINA GROVE

Kivalina plays viola for the AYS and is a senior at Polaris K-12. Kivalina plays violin, viola, and piano, and has been in AYS for three years, participated in All-State Orchestra on viola for three years, and All-State Solo and Ensemble for 4 years, with superior rankings for the last two years, (At the time of writing, results had not yet been released.) Kivalina is currently concertmaster at her school on violin. Kivalina's been chosen as a UA Scholar, a Commended Scholar in the National Merit Scholarship competition, is ranked first in her graduating class, has been recognized through a Google program as a top achieving student in the US in math and science in 2010, among other school and science recognitions. Kivalina has participated in Model United Nations for three years, enjoys visual art, graphic design, science in general, but especially biology and genetics. She loves spending time with my friends and family, biking, hiking and generally enjoying Alaska. At this point, Kivalina is hoping to pursue a career in genetics.

ALLISON ROSS

Allison Ross, a Senior at Service High School, has played the trombone for 7 years, two of those with the AYS. She is a member of a 6 part A Cappella group at Service, and can always be seen rocking out in the car to music of all kinds. Allison is an outdoor enthusiast, and has been a member of Alaska Winter Stars XC ski program for 7 years. She has participated in the Arctic Winter Games two times, in 2006 for biathlon, and in 2008 for cross country skiing. In 2010, she participated in Junior Nationals in Presque Isle, Maine, and traveled to Canmore, Canada in March 2011 for Canadian XC Ski Nationals. She has been a team captain at Service for 2 years. When there is no snow on the ground, Allison keeps busy racing her mountain bike, and in the fall, she is a competitive cyclo-cross racer. She coaches both Anchorage Junior Nordic and KidzRunning, and enjoys helping kids find joy in the outdoors. Allison plans to study Architecture and Interior Design in college while training and racing with the Nordic Ski team. She hopes to keep music a part of her life for the years to come, and will miss the low brass crew at AYS.



Anchorage Youth Symphony Repertory Orchestra,
Dr. Lee Wilkins, Conductor

Traditional/Lee Wilkins, arr.....Fantasia on "Johnny Has Gone for A Soldier"
 Pachelbel/Lee Wilkins, arr.....Pachelbel's Canon

Anchorage Youth Symphony, Linn Weeda, Conductor

Petr Ilyitch Tchaikovsky.....Capriccio Italien, Op. 45
 Felix Mendelssohn.....Violin Concerto in E minor, Op. 64

1. Allegro Appassionato
 Brendon Mezzetti, violin

Combined Orchestra

Jean Sibelius.....Finlandia, Op. 25, No. 7

Intermission

Anchorage Youth Symphony

Antonin Dvorák.....Symphony No. 9 in e minor, Op. 95
 "From the New World"

1. Adagio — Allegro molto
2. Largo
3. Scherzo: Molto vivace
4. Allegro con fuoco

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.