

# JUNEAU SYMPHONY CLEF NOTES

The Newsletter for Juneau Symphony Musicians



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## Post-rehearsal Social!

**BREAKWATER INN**  
(directly across  
from JDHS)

**Friday October 18**

Immediately following  
rehearsal

## **DON'T FORGET !!!**

The **PLAYER** surveys for Music Director candidate, Dr. Koch, are available on the musicians section of the JSO website and must be completed by **FRIDAY OCTOBER 25**





## Welcome our first Music Director finalist candidate, Dr. Christopher Koch!

"Juneau is a wonderful and spectacularly beautiful place. The best part of my time in Alaska has been meeting and working with all the wonderful people here. I'm happiest when I'm with my family: wife Danielle (also a musician) and daughter Ella, pictured with one of our dogs, Jess the sheltie."



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Please give a warm welcome to our soloist, Jennifer Forni!

Ms. Forni is an operatic soprano who has sung with the Metropolitan Opera, Portland Opera, and Opera Theatre of St. Louis to name just a few!





## Welcome 2019 Youth Concerto Competition Winner, Alexander Yu!

Alexander Yu, 15, was concert master of the Juneau Student Symphony from 2016 to 2018 and has performed with the Juneau Symphony. This season marks his first solo performance with the Symphony as the 2019 winner of the Senior Division of the Juneau Symphony Youth Solo Competition. Alex began studying violin at the age of 4 with teacher Mr. Guohua Xia. He joined the Ursa Minor string Ensemble at the age of 7; he also joined the Juneau Student Symphony in 2015 and played with it for three years. He now plays with the advanced ensemble Aurora Strings and the Crimson String Quartet. "As a teacher, I like that Alex is always eager to learn new things and challenge himself," Mr. Xia said. As the winner of Junior Youth Solo Competition of 2017, Alex earned the opportunity to play solo with the Juneau Student Symphony, performing Bruch's Violin Concerto No. 1 in G minor — 1st Movement. Although violin is his first interest, Alex also plays xylophone and piano. In 2017, Alex was selected as a piano soloist and performed Schubert's "Military March" with the Juneau Student Symphony. He also participated in the 2018 All State Music Festival.

This summer Alex was the youngest musician participating in the intensive concerto program at the Fairbanks Summer Arts Festival, which draws performers from around the state.

## **New! Financial support for player development!**

The JSO board has approved a NEW budget item for player development opportunities! Symphony members will be invited to apply for funding support for workshops, materials, master classes, etc.

Stay tuned for more info from the PRDC on the application process for this exciting new opportunity!

Have you checked out the new JSO PLAYER HANDBOOK?

Available NOW in the "Current Musicians" section of the JSO website!

Follow JSO on Instagram!  
[@juneausymphony](https://www.instagram.com/juneausymphony)



Contact Katy Giorgio if you can help as a photo contributor!

**SAVE THE DATE!**

Rehearsals for our next concert cycle begin  
**JANUARY 7**



Dr. Scott Seaton

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