

JUNEAU SYMPHONY CLEF NOTES

The Newsletter for Juneau Symphony Musicians

Dear Musicians,

Rusty chops, soft callouses, retraining the ear to hear across the stage. We had to learn to look, listen, and trust one another. Bit by bit we started to think together, breathe together, and make sound as if we were one. The string section got bigger, we added a full horn and brass section, woodwind voices lifted through the air as percussion kept a steady pulse. And then, finally, the full glorious sound of the symphony emerged, dancing, brooding, singing, and soaring. How apropos for spring – the season of rebirth. Willows and devil's club are leafing out, daffodils and tulips are painting neighbor's yards, bears are waking up, and young eagles are finding their wings. The Juneau Symphony is back. And we are all the better for it.



A NIGHT AT THE OSCARS

Tickets now
on sale!

Saturday, June 11 at 8pm

Sunday, June 12 at 3pm

Juneau-Douglas High School Auditorium

Guest Conductor Troy Quinn

Former Juneau Symphony Music Director



Rehearsals
start May
31!



Spring Concert Update

Many thanks to all the musicians who helped make the spring concert such a success. Audience feedback has been very positive. We would like to thank our new Music Director, Dr. Christopher Koch, for helping us shake off the cobwebs and pull together a program that was so well received by the Juneau community.

As you know, many out-of-town musicians participated in this concert. Changes in the pandemic have meant that our musician members are now able to travel to attend family events such as weddings, reunions, and graduations and to address elective medical procedures and family medical issues. New and additional workload and travel assignments prevented other musicians from playing. We anticipate this situation to continue into the June concert.

We are pleased that JS musicians can once again experience long-awaited travel. We are also grateful to our regular and newly visiting musicians who contributed their time and talents to the JS and helped us carry out our mission with a full orchestra. Next season, we hope everyone's lives will be more predictable and that musicians can commit in advance to the full calendar of concerts for our 60th season. We look forward to continuing our standard practice of having 75-80% resident musicians in Juneau Symphony performances.



***So great to hear that full symphony
sound once again...!***

Making it happen!

Youth soloist
Angela Huffer



Meet & greet with
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Saturday
hike



Post-concert
celebration!



Happy ANNIVERSARY

Next season marks the **60th year of the Juneau Symphony!** Contact the office if you would like to serve on the JS 60th Anniversary Special Committee.

Dr. Koch is putting together **an exciting year of music** with some great guest artists: Stephen Jones (saxophone), Fabio Augustinis (drummer), Robert Demaine (cello). We will play new works as well as those that are familiar: Beethoven's Symphony 6, Strauss's Death and Transfiguration, Rimsky-Korsakov's Scheherazade, Hindemith's Symphonic Metamorphosis, and Dvorak's Cello Concerto in B minor.

We plan to return to our traditional concert dates:

- First Saturday and Sunday after Alaska Day October 22-23, 2022
- Last Saturday and Sunday in January January 28-29, 2023
- First Saturday and Sunday in April April 1-2, 2023
- First Saturday and Sunday in June June 3-4, 2023

We will also be performing a Holiday Cheer concert December 10-11, 2022. **Member musicians will be asked for their availability commitment for the upcoming season in mid-summer.**

The Player Relations and Development Committee (PRDC) is currently working on revisions and updates to the Player Handbook. We anticipate releasing a draft for member musician comments in June. A final, Board-approved handbook should be available for the start of the 60th season.

The Juneau Symphony Board recently completed updates to the Strategic Plan for 2020-2024 at their April retreat. It is available for review by member musicians at the office. Contact the Executive Director if you'd like to set up a time to review the Strategic Plan.



MUSICIAN SPOTLIGHT

Kristen Garot

How long have you played with the Juneau Symphony?

22 years - I started in the fall of 2000.

How long have you been playing your instrument, and why did you pick that one?

I started playing violin when I was in 5th grade. I wanted to play the cello but I had to take it back and forth on the school bus and so I picked something smaller.

What was your most formative musical experience?

Playing with the Youth Orchestra of San Antonio in high school was something that made me work hard and made playing music and important part of my life outside of school music classes.

When you aren't playing your instrument, how do you spend your time?

I spend a lot of time being a school principal for the Juneau School District.

What is the one thing you want people to know about you?

Watch out for bears! I had one in my kitchen once.

Julia Bastuscheck

How long have you played with the Juneau Symphony?

My first concert with the Juneau Symphony was in 1988, shortly after I arrived in town for my teaching position; 34 years.

How long have you been playing your instrument, and why did you pick that one?

I started playing viola in 4th grade. The San Francisco Symphony sent a string quartet over to my school to demonstrate the instruments for us, and I fell in love with the viola. My mother played violin and insisted that I also play it because she had her old instrument. But the teacher sent me home with a school viola and that was that!

What was your most formative musical experience?

I joined the San Jose Youth Symphony in 7th grade. After that experience I never wanted to do anything else. I had opportunities to play with really good groups throughout high school, such as the All-California High School Symphony and the Seattle Youth Symphony. That is why I taught orchestra as a career and why I still play today.

When you aren't playing your instrument, how do you spend your time?

Nathan and I like to go camping in the Oregon desert country. Our favorite spot is Hart Mountain National Antelope Refuge. We like to soak in hot springs!

What is the one thing you want people to know about you?

I am so grateful to be able to return to Juneau on a regular basis to play with the Juneau Symphony! I'm looking forward to the future with Maestro Koch on the podium!

*Thank you for your
years of dedication!*





The **Prelude Orchestra** is now rehearsing weekly, in preparation for a concert with the Juneau String Ensembles' Aurora Strings on May 22 at 3 PM, at Chapel by the Lake; admission is free, with donations accepted!

CONGRATULATIONS to Angela Huffer, our 2022 **Youth Solo Competition** winner. She gave outstanding performances at the spring concerts. (see photo on page 2)



JAMM and community musicians presented an end-of-year celebration on May 6th, at Glacier Valley Elementary School. 3rd-5th grade JAMM students from three schools performed, along with Prelude Orchestra, Juneau String Ensemble, Alaska Youth Choir, and Dzantiki Heeni Orchestra and Mariachi. JAMM also premiered a "Reflections on Resilience" music video featuring George Holly.

Juneau String Ensembles put on a great concert on April 3. For many, this was the first time they played together as a full ensemble in many weeks. JSE continues to prepare for their June concert in Carnegie Hall as part of the New York Sounds of Summer Festival. If you would like to donate towards this wonderful opportunity, please visit: www.juneaustringensembles.org.



The **2022 summer strings camp** will run from August 1-5. The 5-day camp includes music classes and daily outdoor activities for up to 45 2nd-6th grade string students. If interest exceeds capacity, a second camp may be added. Scholarships are available, and donations are welcome! For more information, visit the [camp web page](#) or contact the JS office.

Thank you, music educators!

Player Relations and Development Committee Funding Availability

The Board will soon provide the PRDC with a new infusion of funds to support player development opportunities. If you are interested in applying for these funds, please complete the form on the [Member Musician's webpage](#). Scroll down to "Resources from the PRDC" and select the "Funding Request" tab. Send the completed form to: JSPlayerRelations@gmail.com.

Pick up June Concert Folders

Music folders will be available for pick-up at the JS office starting May 13. The office is located at 522 West 10th Street. Office hours are 12:30-4:30, Monday-Thursday. If you need to stop by at another time, call ahead to schedule.

Upcoming Events

May 11, 5:15 PM - Board meeting (monthly; usually 2nd Wednesday)

May 12, 5:45 PM - Next PRDC meeting (monthly; posted on Member Musicians webpage)

May 22, 3 PM - Prelude Orchestra & Aurora Strings concert, Chapel by the Lake

May 31 - Rehearsals begin

June 11 & 12 - Concert weekend

August 1-5 - Summer string camp

Sundays at 1 PM - KRNN JS radio broadcasts

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