JUNEAU SYMPHONY CLEF NOTES

The Newsletter for Juneau Symphony Musicians

Dear Musicians,

We live day-to-day, month-to-month, and year-to-year. The annual cycle of light and dark affect our actions and moods. In fall, we busy ourselves with gathering and preparation for the winter and year to come. Winter gives rise to introspection and deep connections. We relish the transformation and renewal of spring and look forward to the heady and activity-filled days of summer. Juneau Symphony is similarly affected by the annual cycle. We had a very busy fall preparing for the start of the 60th season – from whale watching to picnicking to the 1920s gala celebration and of course, the inaugural concert of the season. We told stories, and the audience traveled with us on our journey.

We now turn to celebrating the holiday season with smaller, more intimate ensembles. We welcome our friends from Vox Borealis and Sitka Fine Arts Camp's Holiday Brass to join with us and the residents of Juneau to celebrate the winter season. No matter whether you celebrate Kwanza, Hannukah, Christmas, the Solstice, and/or "Fesitvus," light a candle to celebrate family, friends, and the season. Happy Holidays one and all.















PRELUDE ORCHESTRA MUSIC DIRECTOR FRANZ FELKL

The **Prelude Orchestra** will perform in the lobby before the Sunday Holiday Cheer concert.

Over 200 2nd-8th grade students at five schools are involved in **JAMM** activities this year. The bluegrass sessions at Auke Bay and Sit' Éeti Shaanax Glacier Valley are particularly popular: mandolins, ukuleles, guitars, basses, and fiddles! A select group of JAMM-ers will perform a holiday concert at the Governor's Mansion on December 13, and several IAMM-associated cellists will perform holiday cello choir at the IACC on December 2 at 7 PM.

Thank you, music educators!

Juneau String Ensembles' Aurora Strings and Ursa Major string ensembles are learning and working on new pieces for a chamber music concert on Saturday February 11th at Northern Light Church. The program will include Bernstein's West Side Story, Tchaikovsky's Serenade, and other pieces. Guest musician Franz Felkl will be soloist for selected movements from Vivaldi's Four Seasons Concerto.



Guest musicians in the schools are back! Violinist Brynn Albanese visited Glacier Valley School in October. If you're interested in a school visit for an honorarium, contact the office!

Musical terms to know

ALLEREGRETTO: When you're 16 measures into the piece and suddenly realize you set a too-fast tempo ANGUS DEI: To play with a divinely beefy tone A PATELLA: Accompanied by knee-slapping FERMANTRA: A note held over and over and over and over and... FRUGALHORN: A sensible and inexpensive brass instrument TEMPO TANTRUM: What Juneau Symphony is having when it's not following the conductor

Carnegie Link-Up program with our student audience will resume on Friday, January 27, 10 AM on the mainstage musicians, mark your calendars!

Welcome, Gigi!

Gigi Gabeau is the new Juneau
Symphony Operations Assistant. She has a background in education, in the arts, in administration and has worked with non-profit organizations. Gigi is originally from Boston and has been in Juneau since 2020. If you haven't already done so, please take an opportunity to welcome Gigi and to thank her for her work on the 60th Season!



"Juneau's Got Talent" is back, and they're looking for talent! Win up to \$500 and bragging rights on February 4; find out more and register <u>HERE!</u>

Start preparing for January concert: Transformations

Information for musicians such as rehearsal times, music downloads, listening links and performance notes can be found on the JS musicians page HERE

Beethoven's Symphony #6

- What makes this symphony unique in Beethoven's repertoire?
 - What makes this
 symphony hard to
 conduct?
 Sticky Notes podcast
 episode #101 answers these
 and many other questions!
 and it HERE

Player Relations and Development Committee Funding Availability

The Board has provided 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.



Please bring bake goods to the Holiday Cheer concerts to support a "by donation" fundraiser. This is one more way we can give back to the community and continue to celebrate our Epic 60th anniversary season. Sign up HERE.

Upcoming Events

December 10 & 11, Holiday Cheer concerts

December 14, 5:15 PM - Board meeting

January 4, 5:45 PM, PRDC meeting

January 11, 5:15 PM - Board meeting

January 12, rehearsals begin for Transformations

January 27, 10 AM - Link-Up concert

January 28 & 29, Transformations concerts

Sundays at 1 PM - KRNN JS radio broadcasts

JS Player Relations & Development Committee

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