



## Youth Symphony \* Concert Orchestra \* String Orchestra

Dear Musician and Family,

Welcome to the 2011-2012 Season of the Fairbanks Youth Orchestras! We look forward to an exciting year of music and performances. The Youth Symphony will be performing at the Friendship Day event in October and all three groups will be performing in the Davis Concert Hall at both the winter and spring concerts. Additionally, musicians will have opportunities to perform at several outreach recitals throughout the year. Participation in outreach recitals is strongly encouraged for all musicians and does count toward evaluation for the senior scholarship.

Auditions will be held for all three orchestra groups on Friday August 26<sup>th</sup> from 5pm to 7:30pm, and Saturday August 27<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 5pm. Those who cannot make either audition time must contact the conductor directly to arrange an audition appointment. Audition location is the Music Department on the UAF Campus. Specific audition room locations will be available at the time of auditions.

You must pre-register for auditions by signing up for an audition time beginning Monday August 1<sup>st</sup> via the online registration process. You can find this link at the "Auditions" tab on the FYO website at <http://www.fairbanksyouthorchestras.org/>. You may contact Carol Barnett, FYO Auditions Coordinator if you have questions about this process at 322-1836 or [bc Barnett@acetekk.com](mailto:bc Barnett@acetekk.com).

On audition day, please report at least 15 to 30 minutes early so that you can register, pay fees and warm up for your audition. **A parent or guardian must accompany all musicians.** This is necessary to ensure fees are paid, registration forms are completed and signed by both student and parent. Annual fees paid at or before the audition period is **\$160** for each child. Cash, check and credit cards – Visa or Master Card are accepted. Credit card installments are an option. We are pleased to continue our FYO Tuition Fee Assistance program for families in financial need. Applications will be available during auditions as well as on the website.

FYO utilizes email for communicating with parents and students during the year. It is important that you provide us with your current email address when you sign up and that you update your address if it changes during the year. If you have any questions regarding auditions, please email or call Patrice Lee, FYO Council Chair at [patrice1@acsalaska.net](mailto:patrice1@acsalaska.net) or call 797-9580.

Audition results will be available **no later than Saturday September 3rd<sup>h</sup>**. The results will be posted on the FYO website at [www.fairbankssymphony.org/fyo/](http://www.fairbankssymphony.org/fyo/). Results will also be emailed to the email addresses given on the registration form. In the event that you do not have access, you may call Patrice Lee for the audition results.

**Youth Symphony, Concert Orchestra, and String Orchestra rehearsals begin on September 10<sup>th</sup>. There will be a mandatory parent meeting on September 17<sup>th</sup> at noon following the second rehearsal.**

### FYO Attendance Policy

Please realize that joining the Fairbanks Youth Orchestra is a commitment. The music is challenging and it is important to attend all rehearsals, dress rehearsals and concerts. Students will be allowed two excused absences per semester with consent from the conductor. Conductors reserve the right to drop members from the ensembles if absenteeism is a problem.

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