

AYS ALUMNI NOTES

August, 2004

50th
Anniversary Season
2005—2006

2005 AYS Alumni Reunion:

HOW CAN I HELP?

♪ Mark your calendar and plan to come to Albuquerque on May 27 – 29, 2005. The cost of the reunion, including dinner on Saturday and brunch on Sunday, music and a commemorative t-shirt will be approximately \$75/person. Spouses and children can be added to specific meals for the cost of those meals. More information will be included in the invitation (mailed in February 2005).

♪ Practice, practice, practice! Plan on playing in the AYS Alumni orchestra at the reunion! This is a terrific way to reacquaint yourself with your instrument and rediscover your love for music!

♪ Check out our website at www.aysmusic.org. On the alumni page, view the "Missing Alumni" section, and contact the AYS office with any contact information you might have regarding our missing alumni.

♪ If you would like to be involved in the planning of the AYS Alumni Reunion, please contact the AYS Program Office. The committee is currently meeting once each month.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! 2005 ALUMNI REUNION SCHEDULED!

The AYS Program will launch our year long 50th Anniversary celebration on May 27 – 29, 2005 with a reunion of our alumni.

We had a very successful alumni reunion in 2000, where 200 of our graduates traveled from throughout the country to Albuquerque for a weekend of events, including a sold-out Alumni Artist Recital and a very large audience at our AYS Alumni Orchestra concert at Popejoy Hall.

The event raised over \$12,000 in net income for the AYS Program, which was applied to our Endowment Fund. The event also raised a great deal of renewed interest in the AYS Program with our alumni and their parents.



**AYS performs in Vienna in 1973.
Recognize anyone in this picture?**

Since that reunion, we have had Alumni recitals, events and an annual fund drive to support the AYS Program activities.

Dale Kapter and Amir Kats will conduct the AYS Alumni orchestra.

SO—watch for your invitation for the Alumni Reunion, which will be mailed in February, 2005.

We look forward to a fun time seeing you!

The AYS Alumni Reunion events scheduled to date

- An Alumni Artist Recital, given by our graduates who are now earning their living by playing music professionally.
- A dinner party for the AYS Alumni and friends of the AYS Program at the beautiful new National Hispanic Cultural Center.
- Sunday brunch, held at the newly refurbished UNM ballroom.
- Concerts given by the Albuquerque Youth Symphony on Saturday, and an AYS Alumni Orchestra, given on Sunday, May 29 at Popejoy Hall. We will invite our alumni, their families, our volunteers and donors, and the general public.
- An Alumni fund drive, to support the AYS Program Endowment Fund.

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AYS Alumni event in New York City

May 30, 2004 was a landmark day for the AYS Program.

We had our first-ever “mini-reunion” out of Albuquerque – in New York City – as part of our “Green Chile meets the Big Apple” tour, where the Albuquerque Youth Symphony gave a concert at Carnegie Hall!

The AYS, under the direction of Amir Kats, played *Cuban Overture* by Gershwin, *Slavonic Dance* by Dvorak and *Rhapsodie Espagnole* by Ravel.

Many proud parents, alumni and friends were in the audi-

ence at Carnegie Hall. The AYS students spent six fun-filled days in New York and took in many of the sights.

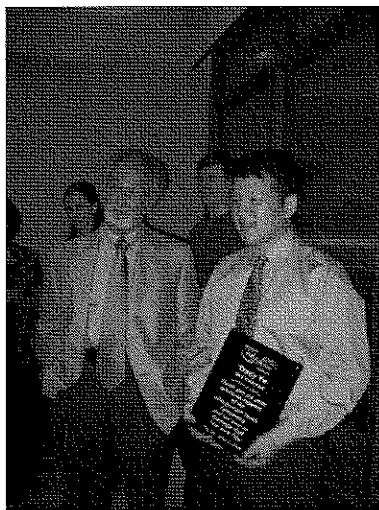
Tracy Fu (*AYS Cello, 1987*) hosted the AYS Alumni reception at his company, QVT Financial. The reception was co-sponsored by QVT Financial and Morgan Stanley, and approximately 30 AYS alumni and friends attended.

A great time was had by all!



Green Chile Meets the Big Apple!

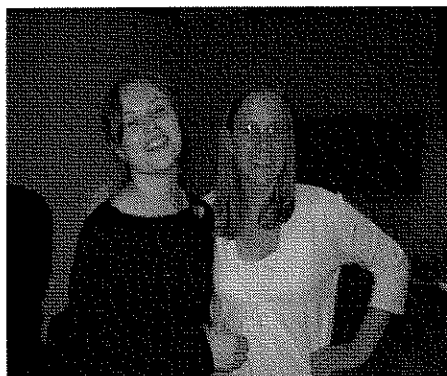
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event!**



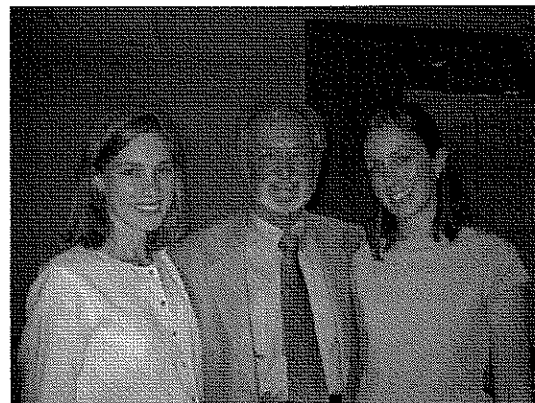
AYS Music Director Dale Kempter & Tracy Fu. Thanks, Tracy—we had a ball!



Natalie Butters (1995 viola), Mr. Kempter & Mae Mae Chu (1996 violin)



Lexi Petronis (1993 Viola) and Lisa Collins (1993 Cello)



Melodie Wilson (1995 Violin), Mr. Kempter, and Leah Wilson (1999 Violin)

WELCOME to the AYS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, AYS Program class of 2004!

<u>Name</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Area of study</u>
Fabian Armijo	UNM	Biochemistry, music
Sylvan Baca	Stanford	Undecided
Beth Bacon	George Mason Univ	Communications; violin
Brandon Bell	NMSU	Music
Rebecca Bowlin	UNM	English Literature
Rebecca Buckman	BYU	Biology
Judith Bundy	BYU	Occupational Thereapy
Brianna Chavez	UNM	Music
Yea Ching Chen	UC Santa Cruz	Undecided
Cisco Dimas	Univ. of Miami (FL)	Jazz performance
Sara Dimmick	Georgetown	School of Foreign Service
Ashley Donathan	UT El Paso	Undecided
Teresa Evans	UNM	Music &Math
Ryan Fessinger	UNM	Bassoon Performance
Jonathan Gallegos	NMSU	Music education
Sean Gandert	Yale	English and Film Studies
Jessy Garcia	UNM	Physical Therapy, Music
Sylvia Gonzales	UNM	Biology, Pre-Med
Randal Holt	UNM	Cello Performance
Matt Hoselton	Oberlin	Percussion
Travis Huebel	Mannes School of Music	Flute Performance
Anne Moore	MacAlister	Creative Writing
Erica Neiser	UT, Dallas	Neuroscience
Peter Pachak-Robie	Northwestern Univ.	Music Education
Ryan Palmer	Univ. of Arizona	Molecular/cellular biology
Sheana Perry	UNM	undecided
Evangeline Randall	NMSU	undecided
Anna Robinson	Indiana University	Music Performance
Jeremy Romero	UNM	Law
Landon Roper	BYU	Psychology
Casen Ross	CU Boulder	Cello Performance
Ellen Schaub	NMSU	Music Education
Adam Sego	BYU	Physics
Shannon Sherman	UNM	Music, Literature
Laura Strong	UT Austin	Bio Medical Engineering
Marisa Tapia	UNM	Theater, Journalism
Melinda Templeton	NMSU	Nursing
Carl Wang	Amherst College	Biology
John Wernly	UNM	Pre-Med, Music
Ben Willow	UNM	Chemistry and Music
Branden Wilson	TVI	Programming

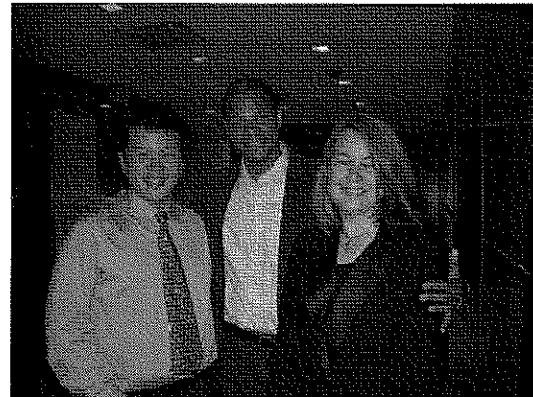
HELP THE AYS PROGRAM We need you!

There are many ways that you can help the AYS Program continue our mission to instill a lifelong passion for music in motivated young people in the greater Albuquerque area through the pursuit of excellence in orchestral musical performance.

1. Make a financial gift. If your company has a matching gift program, that's great!
2. Give a gift through the United Way
3. If you are in Albuquerque, attend a concert—and bring a friend!
4. Plan on getting involved by attending our alumni reunion on May 27—29, 2005. Invite your friends and family to the concert!
5. If you are in Albuquerque, help us by serving on our Alumni Association committee.



Shirien Taylor Donohue (1977 violin) and
John Winder (1976 Flute)



Tracy Fu, David McClain (1987 Cello) and
Marie Brasher Robertson (1966 Violin)

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UPCOMING AYS PROGRAM EVENTS

October 3, 2004

Albuquerque Youth Symphony Concert
Popejoy Hall, UNM- 3:00 p.m.

October 5, 2004

Albuquerque Youth Orchestra Concert
La Cueva High School - 7:30 p.m.

December 4, 2004

AYS Luminaria Day

December 11, 2004

Albuquerque Junior Orchestra Concert
Cibola High School - 7:30 p.m.

December 12, 2004

AJSO/AJS Concert
Cibola High School
AJSO at 1:30 p.m., AJS at 3:00 p.m.

January 29, 2005

PLAYATHON - All five of the AYS Program Orchestras
Cottonwood Mall, 1:00 - 4:30 p.m.

February 1, 2005

Albuquerque Youth Orchestra Concert
La Cueva High School 7:30 p.m.

February 6, 2005

Albuquerque Youth Symphony Concert
Popejoy Hall, UNM- 2:00 p.m.

May 29, 2005

Alumni Reunion Concert
Popejoy Hall, UNM- 6:00 p.m.

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