

Albuquerque



February 2002

AYS Alumni Notes

The Albuquerque Youth Symphony Program
 Cordially invites you to a dinner
 honoring
Dale Kempter
 For his 37 years as AYS conductor
 Sunday - April 21, 2002



*Pull out your best duds,
 it's Semi-formal Attire!!*



July 4, 1973, Vienna, Austria

*Entertainment to feature
 AYS Students & Alumni!*

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February 11, 1965, Rotary Club

More information on the dinner
 In this newsletter...

Celebrating 46 Years of Musical Excellence

From Your Alumni President, Jeff Brody...

Hi, all! Things are moving apace in the AYS world. The kids have just completed a wonderful trip to Mexico, their winter concert, a morning of filming, and the Playathon. The Board is busy dealing with insurance and liability, budgets, and bylaws. The Selection committee is getting ready to pick a new conductor for the Youth Symphony. And your intrepid Alumni Association committee is figuring out how to embarrass Dale at his dinner...

Filming? Yes, filming. As you may know, KNME has a documentary program called *Colores!* that features New Mexico stuff. In May or June, they're going to feature our very own Youth Symphony – with special thanks to alumnus Mike Judge for major funding! We'll put the air date and time, and hopefully some clips, on the website – check in regularly!

The conductor search has been narrowed down to three candidates: Sayra Siverson, David Felberg, and Amir Kats. They'll all be doing interviews and rehearsals with the Symphony in March, and more than likely we'll be able to announce a new conductor at Dale's farewell dinner on April 21st, which you, gentle reader, are invited and encouraged to attend. You'll find details later in the newsletter. Hope to see you there!

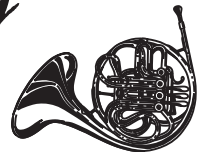
Looking further down the road, we're hoping to augment our very successful beginning-of-the-year post-concert reception with an alumni recital the night before, so you can attend the recital, attend the first Youth Symphony concert, and hobnob with old friends all in the same weekend, September 21 - 22, 2002. It should be fun!

As always, please let us know how and what you're doing, and if you have any suggestions on how to make this Newsletter, the Alumni Association, or the Youth Symphony program any better, drop us a line. See you soon!



AYS soloist Montana Blanco and Dale Kempter take their cue from the crew from our PBS affiliate KNME-TV. The AYS will be featured in a documentary which will air in May or June of 2002.

AYS Program Featured in KNME's *Colores!* Documentary



Thanks, Mike!!

We are honored and delighted that KNME-TV, our local PBS affiliate, is producing a documentary on the Albuquerque Youth Symphony Program as part of their award-winning *Colores!* series, which will be distributed nationally. The program will air in May or June, 2002.

KNME asked the AYS Program to provide partial funding for the documentary. We sent out an SOS to some local funding prospects, but it was an AYS Alumnus, Mike Judge (creator of the animated series *Beavis & Butthead* and *King of the Hill* and the motion picture *Office Space*), who gave a very generous lead gift. We are now using his contribution to leverage the remaining funds that need to be raised. Thanks, Mike!

On February 2nd and 3rd, the KNME crew set up a shoot with the AYS. Students and parents were very impressed with the nuts and bolts of the shoot like the 20-foot Jimmy Jib crane and Fisher Dolly that were used for a great deal of the shoot on February 2nd. The KNME crew was amazed by the quality of the musicians ("These CAN'T be high school students? They're too good!").

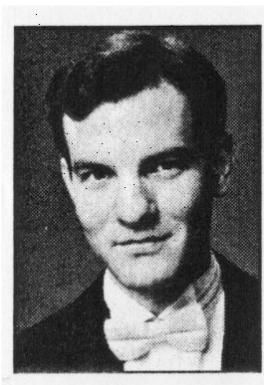
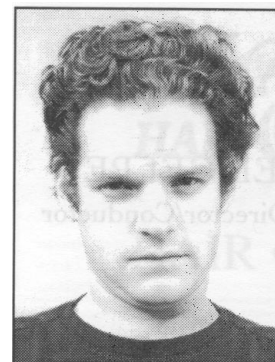
We are all very excited about the program! Stay tuned to the AYS Website for air dates!



AYS Conductor Search UPDATE...

We are in the final stages of the AYS Conductor Search! The Search Committee, headed by Dr. Tom Dodson (recently retired Chair of the Fine Arts Department at UNM), has selected three finalists, who will work with the AYS at rehearsals in March. It is the hope of the committee that we choose the new AYS Conductor by April 21, 2002. Here is a brief biography on the three finalists:

DAVID FELBERG earned his Master's Degree in Conducting from the University of New Mexico. He has been an active participant in the American Academy of Conducting at the Aspen Music Festival, and has served as guest conductor with the NMSO and Santa Fe Symphony. Mr. Felberg is currently the Associate Concertmaster of the NMSO.



AMIR KATS earned his Master's Degree in Music from Florida State University and an Artist Diploma from the Curtis Institute of Music. An accomplished clarinetist, Mr. Kats is the Music Director and Conductor of the Gemini Youth Orchestras in Long Island, NY, is the Assistant Conductor of the New York Youth Symphony, and recently completed two seasons as director of the Philadelphia Sinfonia Chamber Orchestra.



SAYRA M. SIVERSON earned her Master's Degree in Orchestral Conducting from the University of New Mexico, and was recently accepted to the University of Indiana School of Music for Doctoral studies in Orchestral Conducting. Ms. Siverson has spent three summers at the Brevard Music Center, and serves as Assistant Conductor with the Albuquerque Philharmonic Orchestra. She directs the orchestra programs at La Cueva High School and Desert Ridge and Eisenhower Middle Schools, and is the conductor of the Albuquerque Youth Orchestra.



YES! I want to help the Albuquerque Youth Symphony Program build their Endowment Fund and continue to provide a quality educational experience for students and great music for the community .

I have enclosed my tax-deductible check made payable to Albuquerque Youth Symphony in the amount of:
\$1000 _____ \$500 _____ \$100 _____ \$50 _____ Other \$ _____

_____ I would like to learn more about how I can leave a legacy through a gift to the AYS Program in my will.

Name: _____

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City, State, Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Please mail to: AYSP, Inc. P.O. Box 30961, Albuquerque, NM 87190-0961

Featured Alumni...

KATHIE LOESCH JARRETT (1959 Violin)

Kathie began studying violin at the age of ten in Iowa. She moved to Albuquerque in 1956 and pursued her studies with well-known conductor and pedagogue Kurt Frederick. She has a Bachelors of Fine Arts in Education from UNM. She has also studied with Agnes Vadas, Guy Lumia, Max Rabinovitsj and Kato Havas. Kathie is a free-lance artist and teacher based in Albuquerque, New Mexico. She played in the New Mexico Symphony Orchestra for 26 years, 16 of them as a concertmaster. She is currently the associate-concertmaster of the Santa Fe Symphony and plays with the Albuquerque String Quartet and New Mexico Chamber Players and has played frequently with the Santa Fe Opera Orchestra. She has been a part of the Albuquerque Youth Symphony Program for many years. She actually was one of the original members! She played with them from 1956 to 1959 under the direction of Kurt Frederick. Her main interest and love is private studio teaching. She has a local studio where she teaches many fine young string players. In 2002, Kathie was given the Outstanding Studio String Teacher award from the American String Teachers Association. Congrats to Kathie!!



NINA J. VIGIL (1967 Viola)

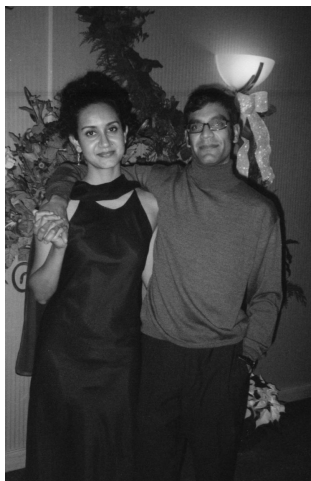
Nina graduated from Rio Grande High School. She majored in Music Education at UNM with viola as her major instrument. After college, she moved to Sacramento, CA to teach in the Sacramento City Unified School District, where she still teaches. She teaches orchestra at the Sutter and California Middle Schools. She received her Master of Arts from the University of San Francisco. She has been a Mentor Teacher for Sac City Unified, Orchestra Director for *River City Music Theatre*, orchestra rep for the California Music Educators Association (CMEA) for 4 terms. She is an active member of the ongoing Sacramento Symphony League which promotes music education. Nina served as principal violist for the Camellia Symphony Orchestra in Sacramento from 1971 – 2000, and is still a member of the orchestra as well as the violist in the Camellia String Quartet. Nina was the recipient of the CMEA Capital Section Outstanding Orchestra Director award in 1992 and has just received the honor of being named CMEA Orchestra Teacher of the Year. She is married to Jim Deshon, who is also from the Albuquerque area, and has one son, David Fernandez.

MIKE JUDGE (1980 Trombone)

Best known as creator and voice of the animated characters Beavis, Butt-head and Hank Hill, Mike Judge emerged as an important force in animation beginning in 1991 with his self-produced two-minute short "Office Space". Directed, voiced and animated by Judge on second hand equipment, "Office Space" was the story of an over-the-edge office worker named Milton and went on to air on TV's Comedy Central network, and later as a series of animated segments on "Saturday Night Live". Judge premiered his Beavis and Butt-head characters in the 1992 short "Frog Baseball", with the crude and clueless pair in a game of amphibian bashing. Featured on MTV's "Liquid Television", it proved impressive enough to land the fictional teens their own series. The sometimes controversial, always funny "Beavis and Butt-head" aired original episodes on MTV from 1993 to 1997, spotlighting vaguely plotted adventures interspersed with the TV-fixated duo's humorous critique of music videos. The series adventures of the two animated loser teenagers spawned the successful film "Beavis and Butt-head Do America" (1996), directed, scripted and voiced by Judge, following the boys on a misguided cross-country quest. In 1997, Mike's series "King of the Hill" debuted on Fox and is now in its sixth season. In 1998, Judge wrote and directed the live-action feature film "Office Space", based on the characters from the original animated shorts. Mike currently lives in Austin, Texas with his wife Francesca and their two daughters.



Featured Alumni... Continued



DULANI (1987 Violin) and MUNI (1993 Violin) KULASINGHE

Dulani graduated from Bryn Mawr with a Bachelors Degree in English and a minor in French. She earned her Masters Degree in Elementary Education from the University of New Mexico, and at the same time, she taught at Albuquerque Public Schools. Dulani taught English in Morocco for two years. There she met her husband, to whom she was married in December, 2001. They now make their home in Brighton, England, where Dulani is teaching English at a language school.

Muni earned his Bachelors Degree in Theater and English from Colorado College. After he graduated, he taught music for a year at Colorado College, and then worked in Tunisia teaching English for three years. Currently, Muni is working with the Buntport Theater in Denver, where he is acting and composing music for the theatrical productions.



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DID YOU KNOW...
That the AYS tour to Chihuahua, Mexico included a performance at the new Teatro de la Ciudad? AYS also took the train to magnificent Copper Canyon! They had a super time!!

To attend Dale's Dinner...

**Sunday, April 21st
5:30pm Reception, 6:00pm Dinner and Program
At the Albuquerque Hilton
1901 University Blvd NE
You may respond with this form or with your mailed invitation
by no later than April 15th:**



Name: _____ Phone: _____

Please reserve _____ TABLE(S) of ten at \$500 each, or _____ TICKETS at \$50 each

_____ Vegetarian Meal(s) requested

I cannot attend, please accept my contribution of \$ _____ in Dale's honor.

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____. Please make checks payable to:

**AYS Program, Inc.
P.O. Box 30961
Albuquerque, NM 87190**

Reservations will be held at the door

2001-2002 Calendar of Events

- March 17, 2002** Chamber Music Recital - 3:00 pm at Albuquerque Academy - FREE
- April 13, 2002** AJS Concert - 7:30 pm -Highland High School - FREE
- April 14, 2002** AJSO Concert - 1:30 pm- Highland High School - FREE
AJO Concert 3:00 pm - Highland High School - FREE
- April 21, 2002** Dinner to honor Dale Kempter - 5:30 pm at Albuquerque Hilton
- April 22, 2002** GALA CONCERT - featuring the AJO, AYO, AJS & AYS - 7:00 pm at Popejoy Hall - FREE
Featuring AYS Concerto winner Ruth Bacon, Violin
- May, 2002** Auditions for 2002-2003 season



Please call the AYS Office at 875-1319 for details or more information, or visit our website at www.aysmusic.org
This schedule is subject to change



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