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THE ANCHORAGE CONCERT ASSOCIATION 97/98 SEASON

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WE'LL TAKE YOU THERE!

Wouldn't it be great to jet off to Broadway to see a show? Or see great performances in London, China, Japan, Moscow or any number of other international destinations? Certainly. **It's a fascinating world.** But how? Who has the time? Who can afford it? How can you do it? And how do you take the family?

Leave it to us. We'll take you there! Without jet lag. Without taking two months off from work. Without taking the kids out of school. Without having to eat macaroni and cheese dinners every day for the rest of your life!

The Anchorage Concert Association is your ticket to the world. This year our concerts at the P.A.C. will "take you" to **London, Vienna, Ireland, Scotland, Israel, China, Russia, Japan and Canada.** We will also take you to **New Orleans, New York** and the Theatre capital of the world: **Broadway!**

To our 7,000 subscribers: Welcome back! We are looking forward to having you travel with us again. And if you are not yet a subscriber, **welcome aboard!**

Please read through our **1997-1998 Season** brochure. You will find **16 of the world's most entertaining musicians and dance companies** grouped into four convenient series, **plus Broadway's favorite good-time musical!**

More good news: This year we offer you **deeper season ticket discounts** and **very inexpensive season tickets for young people.** (On some series, it's more affordable to bring the kids than leave them home with a sitter!) Also, by popular demand: new family-friendly show times – **you'll be home earlier!**

It's a great big fascinating world. And **we'll take you there!** Subscribe today to a season filled with globe-trotting adventure, fun and great performing arts events!

-Bon Voyage!

Ira Perman, Executive Director

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WHY SUBSCRIBE?

► **IT'S THE BEST BARGAIN IN TOWN!** BIG DISCOUNTS are calculated into every subscription price – savings that single ticket buyers don't receive. This year we have **extra low prices for children** for four series. PLUS you avoid ticket outlet fees! Check out the Order Form for details.

► **A YEAR OF GREAT INTERNATIONAL EVENTS AWAITS YOU!** There are **four distinct series** to choose from. Choose family entertainment or classical music or exciting dance or a special CELTIC series! Add the **Broadway hit "GREASE!"** and **"THE NUTCRACKER BALLET!"** The Anchorage Concert Association offers something fantastic for everyone.!

► **GUARANTEED SEATS!** The favorite seats you choose are yours for the entire season. Are you a renewing subscriber? If so, you get "first dibs" on your current seats or first option to upgrade your seats. (Some restrictions apply.) And, **as a subscriber there are never any worries about sold out shows!**

► **CONVENIENCE!** There's no **waiting in line** to buy your tickets! Order your season tickets by **mail, phone, or fax.** Your tickets will be mailed to you. Simple! We also have **the world's easiest installment payment plan** – very popular!

► **SAVE \$\$\$ ALL YEAR LONG!** As a season subscriber you get 10% savings on additional Concert Association tickets you purchase throughout the 1997/1998 season!

► **SUPER EXCHANGE PRIVILEGES!** Concert Association subscribers get the most generous exchange privileges offered in town. This is a popular Concert Association benefit.

Read on for details!



CHRONOLOGICAL CALENDAR

Ondekoza Drummers Of Japan

October 12, 1997

Paul Taylor Dance Company

October 24, 25, 1997

The Van Cliburn Gold Medalist

October 26, 1997

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November 1, 1997

The King's Singers

November 2, 1997

The Nutcracker Ballet

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The Vienna Choir Boys

December 6, 7, 1997

"GREASE!"

January 20 - 25, 1998

Dance Theatre Of Harlem

January 30, 31, 1998

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Peking Acrobats

April 19, 1998

The Israel Camerata

April 22, 1998

Red Star Red Army Chorus

April 26, 1998

Trinity Irish Dance Company

May 1, 2, 1998

All Performances Take Place In The Atwood Concert Hall Of The Alaska Center For The Performing Arts.

What's Coming?

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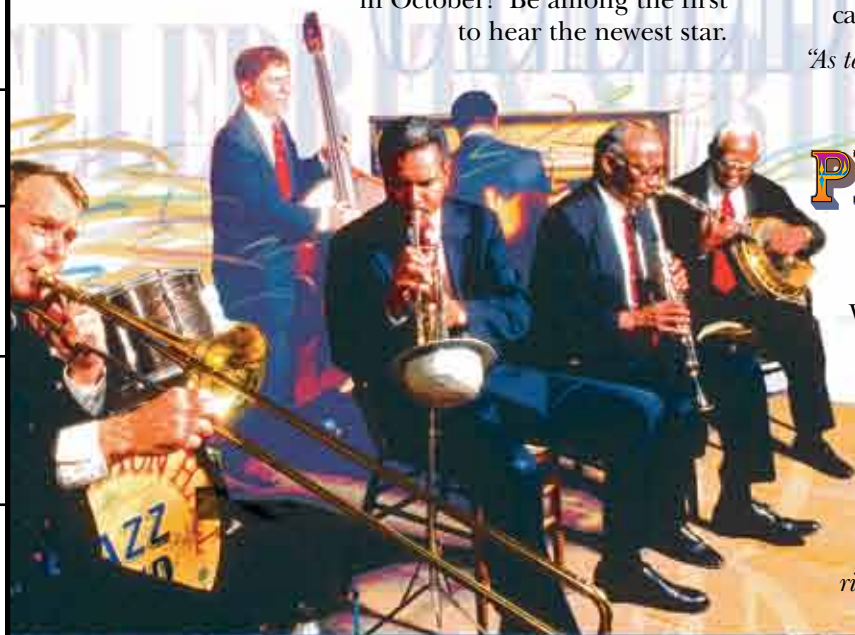
For 48 years the **CELEBRITY SERIES** has filled our lives with *the world's most beautiful music* performed by internationally celebrated artists. This year's musicians come to us

from London, Vienna, New Orleans, Moscow and Jerusalem. Music simply doesn't get any better than this!

The Van Cliburn Gold Medalist



The 1997-1998 Celebrity Series opens with the classical music world's newest celebrity: the **Gold Medal Winner** of the Tenth Van Cliburn International Piano Competition. Started in 1962 and held every fourth year, the **Van Cliburn Competition** discovers the world's greatest young pianists. Past medalists include Radu Lupu, Andre-Michel Schub and Alexie Sultanov. The new winner of this June's competition will perform here in October! Be among the first to hear the newest star.



A coup! The first time ever in Anchorage!

Over the years the Concert Association has brought virtually every great string quartet in the world to Anchorage. Every one – except the great Borodin String Quartet. And now – after a decade of effort – we are proud to bring you the most legendary of all Russian string quartets. This may be their only appearance ever in Anchorage. Don't let this opportunity go by. Mark your calendars now -- and get a seat **up close** with season tickets!

"As technically perfect and emotionally satisfying as one could ever hope to hear." – The Guardian, London

PRESERVATION HALL JAZZ BAND

"Oh When The Saints, Go Marchin' In!"

When they play, well, the whole place starts jumpin'! **It's a party atmosphere** that will bring the toe tappin', hand clappin' beat of Mardi Gras to the heart of Anchorage. The players are mostly septuagenarian and octogenarian Dixieland Jazz musicians - direct from Preservation Hall in New Orleans. And it's just in time for Fur Rendezvous 1998! Another sure-to-sell-out event!

"Best jazz band in the land! No band in the world plays this righteous and classic style better!" – San Francisco Examiner

THE WORLD FAMOUS RED STAR RED ARMY CHORUS & DANCE ENSEMBLE

"KALINKA!"

In April the Atwood Concert Hall will shake to the rafters with a climactic grand finale to the Celebrity Series! **A spectacular extravaganza** of sound and sights! **Seventy-seven uniformed Russian soldier-singers and costumed dancers.** One of the world's great cultural treasures! Formed originally to perform concerts for the troops of the Soviet empire, the Red Army Chorus and Dance Ensemble now perform in concert halls worldwide. They possess legendary voices – the world's biggest and deepest. There is no chorus in the world as powerful and awe inspiring as this one! **This is their first time in Anchorage and its certain to be Standing Room Only!** Guarantee your seats with season tickets!



The Vienna Choir Boys

Join us in the Atwood Concert Hall to hear the soaring voices of the finest boys choir in the world. The Emperor of the Austrian Empire chartered the founding of the Vienna Choir Boys six years after Columbus sailed to America. **They continue to enchant** with their unique charm and exceptionally beautiful singing **499 years later!** From their first visit to the United States in 1932, they have given thousands of concerts to millions of fans, becoming **the most popular choir ever to visit North America.** Each season a new choir of boys carries on the rich traditions of Vienna's musical life, tracing its roots to such figures as Mozart, Haydn and Schubert. They present superbly entertaining programs that feature short operettas, sacred works and a broad range of secular and folk music. Their shows always sell-out! Don't miss them!

"The Vienna Choir Boys are superb professional musicians." – The Washington Post



Israel Camerata

Avner Biron, Music Director

The Israel Camerata is **an extraordinary orchestra.** Israel, home of such outstanding musicians as Itzhak Perlman and Gil Shaham, is home to an orchestra celebrated for its brilliant musicianship and world premiere performances. The 50th anniversary of Israel's statehood occurs in 1998. In celebration, the Israel Camerata is traveling the world as **cultural ambassador for the State of Israel.** Anchorage is one of a handful of United States stops on this prestigious world tour. Their program features **piano soloist Alexander Korsantiya, Winner of Israel's Rubenstein Piano Competition.**

"The Israel Camerata Orchestra ... is one of the most highly regarded orchestras in Israel ... the best of the new generation of Israeli ensembles." – The New York Times



King's Singers

"... the leading practitioners today of close-harmony male singing. Their voices are impeccably schooled, their pitch perfect, their blend flawless." – Newsweek

From the King's College in London, these six Englishmen comprise one of the world's most sought-after and highly acclaimed vocal ensembles. Whether they sing 16th century madrigals, Japanese folk songs or top 40 hits, their amazing a cappella communicates sheer joy and beauty! They are one of our most requested groups.

FOR INTERNATIONAL INSPIRATION
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THREE DAZZLING DANCE EVENTS!
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Discover Dance

Three spectacular evenings of dance await your subscription to this always popular series! Come with us and explore a world of expression

through dance! Our 1997/1998 **DISCOVER DANCE** series – one of the best dance series in the country – spotlights our country's most celebrated classical ballet company and Celtic rhythms exploding in high energy step dancing!

PAUL TAYLOR DANCE CO.

"One of the most exciting, innovative and delightful dance companies in the entire world." – The New York Times

It's been six years since we've smiled our way through a performance by this world favorite dance company. And what has that irrepressible dance maker Paul Taylor been up to since then? He's been making lots of new, dazzling, mind-teasing dances. He's bringing them and his supercharged dancers to Anchorage to open our Discover Dance season. Prepare to smile at the unexpected!

"...the most consistently inventive, coherent, provocative and theatrical choreography devised by anyone anywhere. And I do mean anywhere!"
– The San Francisco Examiner



Dance Theatre of Harlem

The legendary Dance Theatre of Harlem returns to Anchorage!

Under the inspired direction of **founder and Artistic Director Arthur Mitchell**, the 40-dancer company is now in the midst of a particularly creative period. Dance Theatre of Harlem has added more than a dozen new works to its repertoire during the past two years. And the company's dancers are better than ever! Their program in Anchorage will feature the best of their acclaimed new works as well as favorite classics such as **"Firebird."** This promises to be another remarkable sold out event! Be sure to get the best seats with season tickets to the Discover Dance series.

"DTH is in full artistic bloom, with a magnificent array of dancers and a repertoire which is probably more versatile and certainly more exhilarating than its rivals." – The Royal Gazette

TRINITY IRISH DANCE CO.

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"They're sensational!" – The Chicago Tribune





Broadway & Beyond

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Grease!



The TONY AWARD Winning Musical!
Book, Music and Lyrics by
JIM JACOBS and WARREN CASEY

*Remember when "rama-lama-ding-dong" was a complete sentence?
Well it's time to rock 'n' roll again: '50's style!*

From the era of drive-in movies, sock hops, pajama parties, beehives, bobby socks, poodle skirts and black leather jackets comes the hot new production of GREASE! It's one of Broadway's most popular musicals and America's hottest night out! It's an eye-popping, hand-jiving, finger-snapping celebration that has audiences dancing in the aisles.

Make it a party! Your friends, your
with the funniest gang of high

school chums – even 'ol Mom and Dad – can relive the fabulous '50's school students you'll ever meet. Rock the aisles with such hits as:

"Summer Nights" "Greased Lightnin"
"We Go Together" "Beauty School Dropout"

If you subscribe to any one of our other four series, we invite you to add "GREASE!" to your order. If you subscribed to the 1996/97 Broadway & Beyond Series you may "renew" your subscription by ordering "GREASE!" Either way, you'll get up to 20% off the regular single ticket cost for this popular Broadway show. To ensure good seats, order your tickets early!



Special Events

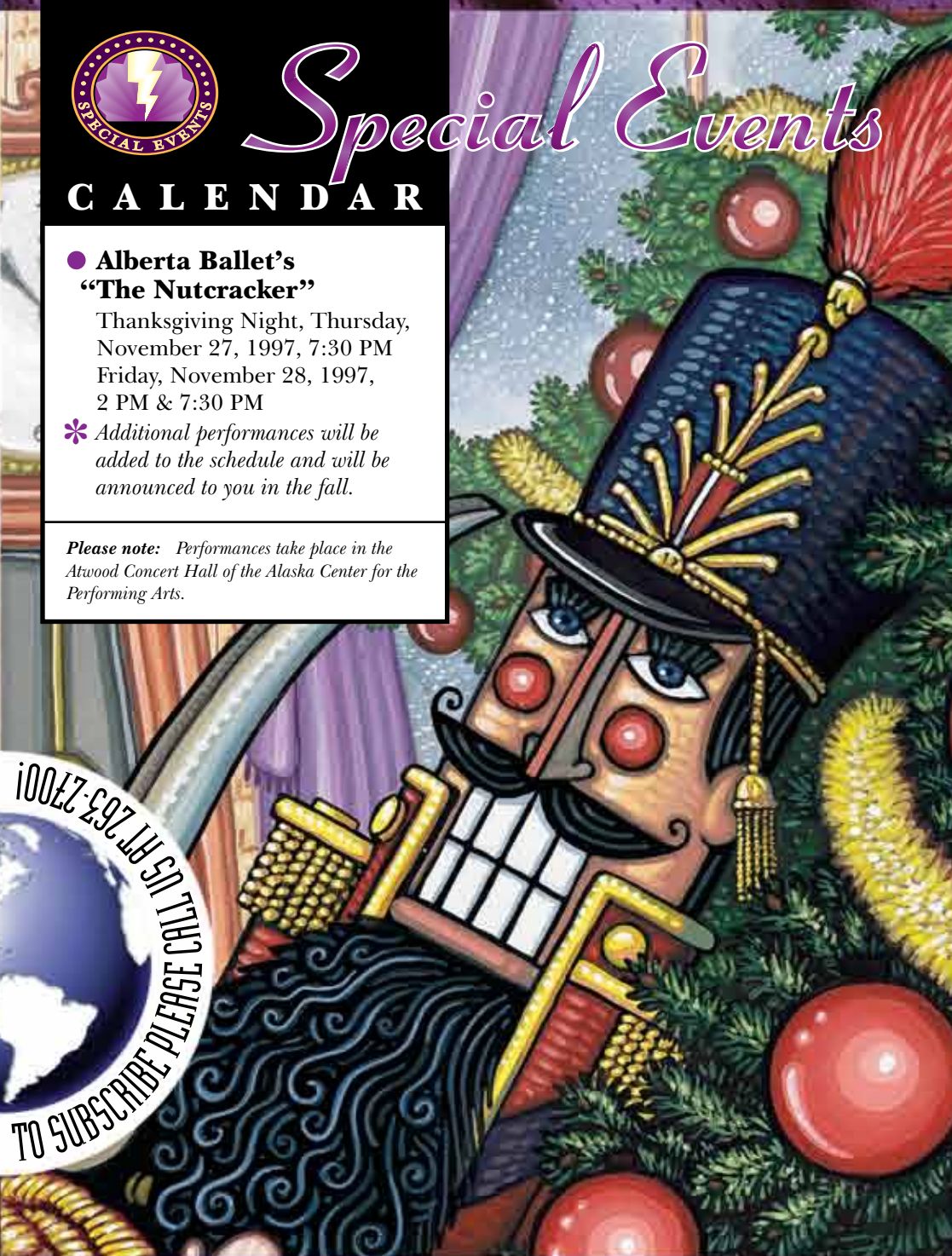
CALENDAR

● Alberta Ballet's "The Nutcracker"

Thanksgiving Night, Thursday,
November 27, 1997, 7:30 PM
Friday, November 28, 1997,
2 PM & 7:30 PM

* Additional performances will be
added to the schedule and will be
announced to you in the fall.

Please note: Performances take place in the Atwood Concert Hall of the Alaska Center for the Performing Arts.



The Anchorage Concert Association's annual production of *The Nutcracker Ballet* has long been the kick-off of the holiday season for the whole family.

The Nutcracker

With The ALBERTA BALLET
& The Anchorage Symphony Orchestra
On Thanksgiving Weekend

The Alberta Ballet's production of *The Nutcracker* is a feast for the eyes, ears, heart and soul: A dream on Christmas Eve comes to life in spectacular dance and music. Travel with Clara and her Nutcracker Prince on a magic journey: Watch a Christmas tree grow before your very eyes! Battle giant mice. Dance with snowflakes and waltzing flowers. Alberta Ballet joins the Anchorage Symphony and over 70 local dancers coordinated by Alaska Dance Theatre in a glorious production of this cherished holiday tradition. *The Nutcracker* is sure to delight audiences ages four to ninety-four. It's the number one family event of every year!

If you subscribe to any one of our four series, we invite you to add *The Nutcracker* to your order. As a subscriber you'll get up to 20% off the regular single ticket cost for this popular event. To ensure good seats for your family, we recommend that you order your tickets early!

◆ **ARCO** The performances of *The Nutcracker* are possible thanks to a major grant from ARCO and thanks to generous support by ARCO's business partners Anadarko Petroleum and Union Texas Petroleum.

The Nutcracker incorporates many young Anchorage area dancers into this professional production. The auditions and weeks of preparations provide a valuable training experience for our developing dancers.

Plan to have your children join the dancers backstage at the Sugar Plum Parties following matinees.





Magic Moments

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Magic Moments

It's Fun! It's Fascinating! It's for the Family! And it's very Affordable! The MAGIC MOMENTS SERIES is the only series of its kind in Alaska. This year we have three enormously entertaining events from the great cultural traditions of Japan, Austria and China. Season tickets for kids are too inexpensive to pass up! Bring the kids - (or let them bring you!) Subscribe today!

Peking Acrobats

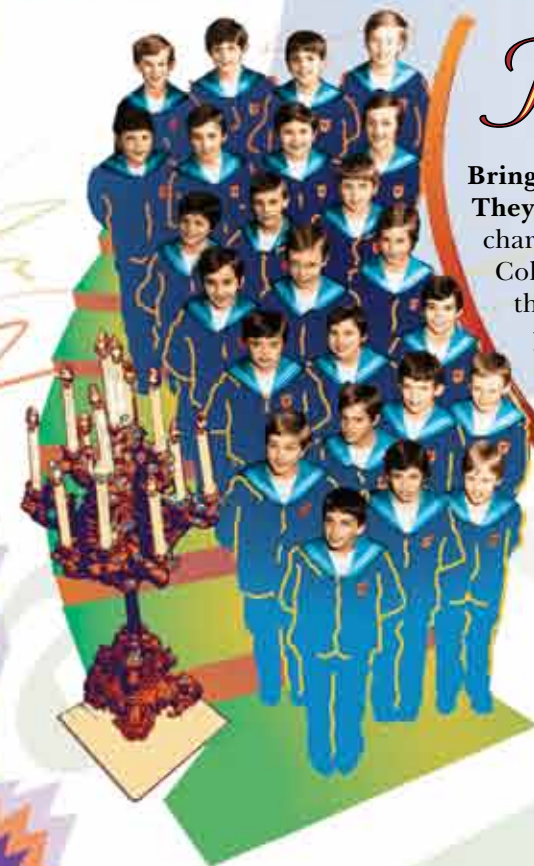
"Ooohhh!!!" "Aaaaahhhh!!!" "How'd they do that?!"
— A typical child's response to the Peking Acrobats

"Don't try that at home!" — A typical parent's response to their child.

Listening to the comments of the crowd is almost as fun as the show itself. The agility, strength and grace of the performers will astonish you. The Peking Acrobats are an elite group of gymnasts, jugglers, cyclists and tumblers that perform 2,000 year old acrobatic traditions dating back to the Ch'in Dynasty (225 - 207 B.C.). Imagine acrobats doing one-armed handstands on top of precariously stacked chairs held aloft in the teeth of a boy who peddles a unicycle around the stage. Beautiful contortionists will bend their bodies, knotting their arms and legs into unimaginable positions! Each stunt is more difficult and more hair-raising than the next! Come see it to believe it!



FOR AGES FOUR TO NINETY-FOUR
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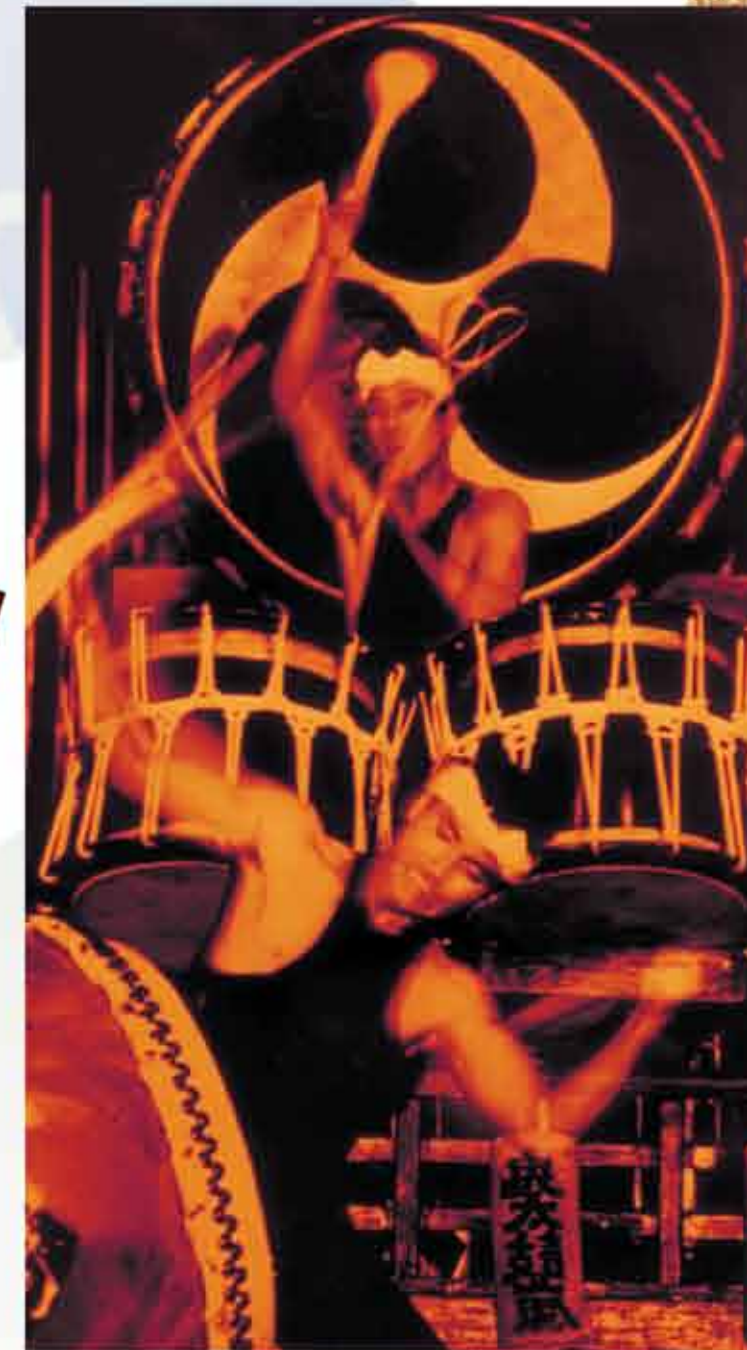
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ONDEKOZA! Drummers of Japan!

Ancient drumming traditions of Japan will explode on stage this October. The Ondekoza play their drums with an intensity that audiences find to be a transcendent theatrical experience. Originating from Shinto traditions, the music is played on bamboo flutes, string instruments and "taiko" drums ranging in size from tom-tom-like to the O-daiko: a drum eight feet tall weighing 700 pounds! They are the "longest running" performing event in history - but in a different way: To stay in the razor sharp physical condition that is necessary to play the drums, the Ondekoza run 20 - 30 miles each day. Between 1990 and 1993 the group ran the entire 13,000 mile perimeter of the United States during a Guinness record breaking three-year, 300-performance tour.

"You can hear the pulse of circulating blood in the body of their performance. There is nothing superficial here; they've got real rhythm." — Seiji Ozawa, conductor, Boston Symphony Orchestra





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Horizons Celtic Series

Last season we introduced the **Horizons Series** which brings international artists to Anchorage to broaden our horizons. **This season the HORIZON SERIES goes CELTIC!** In tribute to the spirited and beautiful arts of Ireland and other Celtic lands, the Horizon Series presents three Celtic events of music and dance.

From traditional ballads, step dance and bagpipes to the Celtic sound of tomorrow. Plan to be part of a Celtic cultural renaissance sweeping the world: Subscribe to the 1997-1998 Horizons Series.



Solas with Seamus Egan

"The crowd is wedged shoulder-to-shoulder at JOHNNY D's, despite the damp cold of the night and threats of yet another Nor'easter climbin' up the coast. The bistro, one of the most influential music tastemaker clubs, has been buzzing since late afternoon: SOLAS performs tonight!"

A bold new generation of Irish musicians is breathing hot new life into their culture's beloved traditional music. SOLAS, Gaelic for "light," is among the first genuine supergroups to emerge from these new players. Each of the five band members is a master soloist, having grown from such ground breaking ensembles as Chanting House, Cherish the Ladies, the Sharron Shannon Band and Atlantic Bridge.

"They tear off on a dizzying set of reels... the faster they play, the more playful they become, adding clever stops and veering, unexpected musical turns. When its time for slow airs and ballads... they are breath-takingly serious."

"SOLAS is the kind that makes you sit up and take notice by practically the first note. This may sound more like a press agent's release than a review, and I'm sorry for that, but they are that good." – C.M.J. New Music Report



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BROADEN YOUR HORIZONS!
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Battlefield Band

with Iain MacDonald and John McCusker

GREAT SCOT! Inspired by their rich heritage and fired by the strength of the modern Scottish music scene, the Battlefield Band boistrously mixes traditional Scottish songs with new penned material. The four band members play **a raucous and satisfying fusion of ancient and modern instruments:** bagpipes, synthesizers, fiddles, guitars, flutes and citterns. Their **rousing reels**, their **lively jigs** and **heart-tugging ballads** take the Battlefield Band into their second quarter of a century as **one the world's greatest Celtic bands.**

"Strings are McCusker's passion. He brings to mind the young fiddler who outplayed the devil."

"I'm sure that MacDonald has heard that 'a gentleman is somebody who knows how to play the bagpipes, but doesn't. Thank goodness he isn't a gentleman!'" – The New York Post





Education & Volunteer Opportunities

EDUCATION: A LASTING MISSION

The Anchorage Concert Association is much more than the performances you see on the stage. Each year we provide a large number of educational activities which provide lasting benefit to our community.

We arrange for artists to visit local schools. These visits give young students a chance to see, hear and talk to inspiring artists. We also offer classes with visiting master teachers for our local artists. Imagine learning from the Ballet Master of the Bolshoi Ballet! And the Concert Association guest artists provide instruction to area school teachers - teaching them how to integrate the arts into the classroom.

This coming season we will work with the Paul Taylor Dance Company, the Ririe Woodbury Dance Company and the cast members of "GREASE!" Each will be here for a week conducting lectures, giving classes and performances in our schools. And, of course, "The Nutcracker" casts over 70 local children and has the Anchorage Symphony Orchestra producing the wonderful live accompaniment.

Pre-concert lectures are also part of our educational mission. These talks, designed to foster greater understanding of the performance, are given one hour prior to most concerts by local experts or by the performers themselves! They are free. Come join us!

JOIN OUR VOLUNTEERS!

There's a place for you in our volunteer group. Our volunteers, known as The Associates, offer you a chance to make a difference in Anchorage.

As Anchorage's ambassadors to world-traveling artists we are renowned for sharing true Alaskan hospitality: We greet the artists at the airport, take superb care of them while they are here and host memorable social gatherings for them after the concerts. We do this to show our appreciation for the artistry they bring to our community.

If you want to learn more about becoming involved as a volunteer helping the arts in Anchorage, please check the box on the order form and we will send you more information about The Concert Associates.



Members from Ririe Woodbury Dance Company will be giving workshops to local artists this season.



DanceBrazil dancers bring smooth moves to a local coffee-house crowd.

VOLUNTEERS & DONORS MAKE A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE



Please Donate!

The performing arts inspire us. Maria and the Von Trapp family captured our hearts in "Sound of Music," as they inspired us to "Climb Every Mountain." In Ballet West's "Peter Pan," Tinkerbell and Peter Pan FLEW on stage! And so did the imaginations of hundreds of kids in the Atwood Concert Hall.

The Concert Association is more than the last show you saw. During our long history we have brought over 400 music, dance, theatre and quality family events to Anchorage. That **commitment to better our community** - year after year - and the **commitment to present quality fine arts** events from around the world, are what **define the Anchorage Concert Association**.

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Mayor Mystrom signs autographs for fellow "Nutcracker" stars. (photo by Jerry Waite)

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