INMATE ORCHESTRA IN HOLIDAY CONCERT

JUNEAU – The Hiland Mountain Correctional Center String Orchestra will perform in a Holiday Concert at 1:30 pm Saturday, December 6 at the women’s correctional facility in Eagle River. The orchestra is unique as it is made up of 16 prison inmates, most of whom having no previous music experience.

The orchestra includes eight advanced inmate musicians and eight beginners. The orchestra and concert is sponsored by Arts on the Edge. This will be the 5th consecutive year for the concert.

Violinist Linda Rosenthal, artistic director of Juneau Jazz & Classics and music professor at the University of Alaska, is featured guest artist along with just under a dozen other local artists.

The correctional facility will facilitate any media coverage in advance of the concert – or coverage of the event itself. Please contact Richard Schmitz (907 209 5245 mobile, 907 465 4640 desk, by email at richard.schmitz@alaska.gov, or by text message to 907 209 5245). Arts on the Edge director Pati Crofut can be contacted at 907 632 9448. HMCC Education Coordinator Karen Jenkins is a further point of contact, at 907 696 9141.

Concert attendees must be pre-screened by submitting a driver’s license number in advance.