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## Media Advisory

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### 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.

