

# Music scholarships for talented young Alaskans

The Anchorage Symphony announced applications are available for the Mary Cassetta Memorial Scholarship. The competition is open to Alaskan high school seniors who display talent, a dedication to music and a serious commitment to an advanced study program in a recognized music school or music camp. For the scholarship's first year of award, \$1,000 will be presented to the deserving student.

Judging the entrants will be Ruth Jeffard, Elvera Voth and David Loebel, Anchorage Symphony conductor. Jeffard's accomplishments include serving as the Anchorage Sym-

phony's Concert Mistress for many years. Voth is artistic Director for the Anchorage Opera.

The selection process will include an oral interview and audition which will be held Tuesday, April 22nd at the ACC Performing Arts Center. Auditions will include two contrasting pieces lasting no more than 15 minutes. The selected scholarship recipient will perform his or her winning piece in a recital at the May 27th meeting of the Anchorage Symphony Women's League.

The scholarship fund was established in the memory of Mary Cassetta, a trained musician and a professional

vocalist who continually expressed her commitment through her 20 years of work with Anchorage music organizations. Cassetta appreciated the importance of providing opportunities for young musicians, especially since she herself received a music scholarship to the Chicago School of Music.

Competition is open to both instrumentalists and vocalists from around the state. Application deadline is March 1, 1986. Information about the scholarship and application process is available at the Symphony office, located at 524 West 4th Avenue, Suite 205, Anchorage, 99501; telephone 274-8668.