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Jean-Paul Billaud and Paul Rosenthal

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Recording begins with violin and piano music by Paul Rosenthal and Jean-Paul Billaud. They were preparing for an April 4th concert at the Alaskaland Civic Center in Fairbanks.

Warner asked Jean-Paul Billaud how long he would rehearse for a concert like this. Billaud said they would meet as much as they can. On average they meet every other day for about ten hours a week. Warner asked Paul Rosenthal about his background. Rosenthal said he was at the Julliard School since he was a child. After graduation he came to Alaska since his brother was living here and he liked Alaska. Billaud talked about the difficulty of the program. He said a piece by Beethoven is difficult. Warner asked him to describe other works for the upcoming program. Rosenthal said they will be play Tchaikovsky since they will going to the [International] Tchaikovsky Competition. He talked about other pieces they will be playing. Warner asked him when the Tchaikovsky Competition in Moscow will be. Rosenthal said that will be in June. Billaud said competition starts on the seventh and completes on the 25th. Warner asked about the status of the competition. Billaud said it is probably one of the most important competitions of musical talents and minds. Rosenthal said the only time an American, Van Cliburn, won was in 1958 so it has a special significance for all Americans.