

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **SALINA SYMPHONY ANNOUNCES FREE PIANO CONCERT & KING AWARD FOR YOUNG ARTISTS PIANO COMPETITION ACTIVITIES**

The Salina Symphony invites audiences to attend a free piano concert featuring world renowned pianist & King Award jurist David Allen Wehr on Friday, April 3, at 7:00 p.m., at Sams Chapel on the campus of Kansas Wesleyan University.

Wehr has established a reputation as one of the most thoughtful and powerful musicians on today's musical scene. He has been heard in over 30 countries, playing more than 1,000 concerts in 13 seasons of touring. Concert repertoire will include music by Chopin, Debussy and Mussorgsky.

This exciting evening of classical music is being offered in conjunction with the Salina Symphony's 1<sup>st</sup> Annual King Award for Young Artists piano competition, which will take place April 3 & 4. Eligible contestants have been selected from the preliminary round conducted in January of 2009 and will perform in the semi-final round on Friday, April 3, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and 2-4 p.m. The final round will take place Saturday, April 4, from 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

All events are free and open to the public, and will be held at Sams Chapel on the KWU campus, 100 E. Claflin Ave. Donations will be accepted at the door in support of the Symphony and Youth Symphony programs.

The eight talented finalists include four American students, two students from South Korea, one from Uzbekistan and one from Greece. All are between the ages of 18 and 26, and are currently studying at universities in Kansas, Colorado, Missouri, Nebraska or Oklahoma.

The competition's bronze medal winner will receive \$1,000 cash; the silver medal, \$2,500; and the gold medal, \$5,000. The gold medal winner will return to Salina in October to perform as a soloist with the Salina Symphony at its 2009-2010 season opener.

For more information, please call the Symphony office at (785) 823-8309 or visit [www.kingaward.org](http://www.kingaward.org).

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