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ISRAELI VIOLINIST WINS TOP PRIZE IN SALINA SYMPHONY'S KING AWARD FOR YOUNG ARTISTS NATIONAL MUSIC COMPETITION

April 20, 2010, SALINA, KAN.— Itamar Zorman, a 24-year-old violinist from Israel, won the top prize in the Salina Symphony's King Award for Young Artists National Music Competition, held April 16-17. Zorman, a student of Sylvia Rosenberg at the Manhattan School of Music, took home both the gold medal in the strings division as well as the overall grand prize, the King Award for Young Artists. He was awarded a \$10,000 cash prize and will return to Salina in the fall to solo with the Salina Symphony at the opening concert of its 2010-2011 season.

Zorman was among 12 semifinalists selected to perform on piano or string instruments before a four-person competition jury. Semifinalists in this year's contest originated from China, Israel, Macedonia, Russia, South Korea and Taiwan and the United States. All are between the ages of 18 and 26, and currently study in the United States.

Salina businessman Craig King, who sponsors the competition, said he wanted to do something to honor the dedication and talent of top-flight young musicians. "They are so dedicated and they've devoted so much of their life to this," King said. "I have huge respect and admiration for them. No doubt there have been many sacrifices made."

Other medal winners, receiving a total of \$12,000 in cash awards, were: Yekwon Sunwoo, 21, The Curtis Institute of Music, gold, piano; Deborah Pae, 21, The Juilliard School, silver, cello;

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Anna Bulkina, 23, Texas Christian University, silver, piano; Anna Burden, 25, Manhattan School of Music, bronze, cello; Jannie Lo, 24, San Francisco Conservatory of Music, bronze, piano.

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