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SALINA SYMPHONY NAMES NEW JUNIOR YOUTH SYMPHONY CONDUCTOR

May 11, 2011, SALINA, KAN.— The Salina Symphony has announced Henry Littich as the new conductor of the Salina Junior Youth Symphony.

Littich is currently in his 14th year as an orchestra/strings teacher and his second year as Director of Orchestras for Smoky Valley Public Schools, where he teaches at Smoky Valley High School, Lindsborg and Marquette Middle Schools, and Soderstrom Elementary School.

Since Littich's arrival in Lindsborg, the Smoky Valley High School String and Symphony Orchestras have earned first division superior ratings at the KSHSAA Large Ensemble Music Contest, and the Lindsborg and Marquette Middle School Orchestras have earned first division superior ratings at the Hays City Music Festival. In addition to outstanding ensemble performances, Littich's students have earned individual accolades, earning seats in the State and District Honor Orchestras as well as high ratings at State and District Solo and Small Ensemble Music Contests.

"We are very fortunate to have someone with Mr. Littich's experience coming into the program," said Ken Hakoda, Symphony Music Director/Conductor. "He has very high expectations for his students and will continue the tradition of excellence we have built."

Prior to coming to Lindsborg, Littich taught orchestra in Odessa, Texas. He holds a bachelor of music education degree from Kansas State University, where he studied violin with Dr. Cora

Cooper. In addition to his work in the Smoky Valley school district, Littich plays violin with the Salina Symphony.

Littich will replace Jared Rawlings, who recently accepted a teaching position in Goddard, Kan.

The Salina Symphony is a community orchestra dedicated to enriching lives through artistic music performance and education. The Salina Youth Symphony Program offers the opportunity for area youth to participate in professional directed youth orchestras composed of students dedicated to fine music making. The program involves more than 150 students in three orchestras. For more information, contact Adrienne Allen at (785) 823-8309 or visit www.salinasymphony.org.

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