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SALINA SYMPHONY ANNOUNCES KING AWARD FOR YOUNG ARTISTS NATIONAL MUSIC COMPETITION SEMI-FINALISTS AND SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

March 17, 2010, SALINA, KAN.— Twelve musicians from the finest music schools in the nation have been invited to compete in the Salina Symphony's King Award for Young Artists National Music Competition April 16-17.

Competing in the strings division will be: Anna Burden, cello, Manhattan School of Music; Ko-Hsin Chang, cello, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; Esther Kim, violin, Jacobs School of Music, Indiana University; Deborah Pae, cello, The Juilliard School; Igor Pikayzen, violin, Yale University; and Itamar Zorman, violin, Manhattan School of Music.

Competing in the piano division will be: Anna Bulkina, Texas Christian University; Frank Huang, The Cleveland Institute of Music; Jannie Lo, San Francisco Conservatory of Music; Weiwen Ma, The Cleveland Institute of Music; Igor Pancevki, San Francisco Conservatory of Music; and Yekwon Sunwoo, The Curtis Institute of Music.

The semi-final round for the piano division will be held Friday, April 16, from 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. at the Stiefel Theatre, 151 S. Santa Fe. The semi-final round for the strings division will be held Friday, April 16, from 1:00-4:30 p.m. at Sams Chapel on the campus of Kansas Wesleyan University, 100 E. Claflin Ave. The final round will take place at the Stiefel Theatre on Saturday, April 17, from 9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. with the award ceremony following at 4:00 p.m.

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Cash prizes for the Competition will total \$22,000. One of two division gold medalists will receive the 2010 King Award for Young Artists. The King Award recipient will be awarded a total cash prize of \$10,000 and will return to Salina in the fall of 2010 to solo with the Salina Symphony.

Competition activities are free and open to the public. For more information and to view the schedule of events, please visit www.kingaward.org or call the Symphony office at 785-823-8309.

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