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### **KING AWARD RECIPIENT CLAIMS TOP PRIZE IN INTERNATIONAL TCHAIKOVSKY COMPETITION**

July 5, 2011, SALINA, KAN.— Israeli violinist and Salina Symphony 2010 King Award recipient Itamar Zorman claimed top prize in the violin category of the International Tchaikovsky Competition in St. Petersburg, Russia. The Competition, which ended Friday, technically declined to award a first prize in the violin category. Instead, judges awarded silver medals to both Zorman and Sergey Dogadin of Russia.

Zorman is no stranger to music competitions. After being named winner of the Salina Symphony's 2010 King Award for Young Artists National Music Competition, he won first prize along with a Special Prize for Best Performance of a Mozart Concerto at the 2010 International Violin Competition of Freiburg. He also took top honors at the 2010 Eisenberg-Fried Concerto Competition at Manhattan School of Music.

The Tchaikovsky Competition, held every four years, is one of the most prestigious classical music contests in the world. Held in St. Petersburg and Moscow, the event draws hundreds of applications from across the globe. Previous winners have gone on to worldwide fame, including American pianist Harvey Lavan Van Cliburn, who took home the top prize in the first competition in 1958.

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