

## Press Release

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### **SALINA SYMPHONY CONCERT TO SPOTLIGHT THE CELLO**

October 18, 2011, SALINA, KAN.—Enjoy an afternoon of “Tea & Symphony” with the Salina Symphony on Sun., Nov. 6, at 4 p.m. at the Stiefel Theatre. The concert will include a performance of Elgar’s “Cello Concerto in E Minor” by guest soloist Jolyon Pegis of the Dallas Symphony Orchestra. Written in the aftermath of World War I, the piece is considered a cornerstone of the solo cello repertoire.

The Symphony will also perform Elgar’s “Enigma Variations” under the direction of guest conductor Jared Chase as well as Rossini’s “William Tell Overture.” The Overture, which is opened by the cello section, is famous for the melody known throughout the world as the “Lone Ranger” theme.

In addition to the Symphony concert, Pegis will perform a recital at the University United Methodist Church (UUMC) on Fri., Nov. 4, at 7:30 p.m. as part of the Kansas Wesleyan University (KWU) /UUMC Family Concert Series. The recital is free and open to the public.

Two master classes will also be offered for area music students on Sat., Nov. 5, from 9-10 a.m. in Pioneer Hall at KWU. Pegis will teach a cello master class and his accompanist, Bret Serrin, piano department chair of the Suzuki Music Institute of Dallas, will teach a piano master class. Both classes are open for observation and the public is invited to attend.

Pegis made his formal New York recital debut at Carnegie Recital Hall in 1990 and has appeared as soloist with the orchestras of West Virginia, Chautauqua, San Antonio, Maui,

Virginia, Wyoming and Dallas. Formerly the principal cellist of the San Antonio Symphony, he is currently the associate principal cellist of the Dallas Symphony and assistant principal cellist of the Chautauqua Symphony.

Chase is the director of bands and chair of the music department at Bethany College. Before coming to Bethany, he was the music director of the Cincinnati Youth Wind Ensemble and a doctoral conducting associate at the University of Cincinnati College - Conservatory of Music (CCM). Also an accomplished trumpet player, Chase studied music education and trumpet performance at the University of Colorado, Boulder, and trumpet performance at CCM.

Concert tickets may be purchased at the Stiefel Theatre Box Office, by calling 785-827-1998 or online at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com). Single admission is \$22 for adults and \$12 for students.

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The Salina Symphony is a community orchestra dedicated to enriching lives through artistic music performance and education. For more information, contact Adrienne Allen at (785) 823-8309 or visit [www.salinasymphony.org](http://www.salinasymphony.org).

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