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SALINA SYMPHONY OPENS SEASON OCTOBER 2 WITH “RUSSIAN RENDEZVOUS”

Sept. 13, 2011, SALINA, KAN.—The Salina Symphony opens its “Season of Romance” on Sunday, October 2, at 4 p.m., at the Stiefel Theatre with the moving and powerful music of Russia.

“Russian Rendezvous” will include a performance of Rachmaninoff’s “Piano Concerto No. 3” by Yekwon Sunwoo, piano division gold medalist in last year’s King Award for Young Artists National Music Competition. The concert will also feature Tchaikovsky’s “Romeo and Juliet” and “Russian Easter Overture” by Rimsky-Korsakov.

Famous for its technical and musical demands on the performer, the “Rach 3” has a reputation of being one of the most technically challenging piano concertos in the standard classical repertoire. Sunwoo considers it one of his strongest pieces.

Born in Korea, Sunwoo began studying piano at the age of eight. He graduated from the Curtis Institute of Music in 2011 and is currently pursuing a Master of Music at the Juilliard School, studying with Robert McDonald.

Sunwoo made his New York City debut at Carnegie Hall in 2009 as winner of the Florida International Piano Competition. As a laureate in the 2010 Queen Elisabeth Competition in Brussels, Sunwoo performed as soloist with the National Orchestra of Belgium and the Royal Chamber Orchestra of Wallonia. He has also soloed with the Philharmonic Orchestra of Morocco, Orlando Philharmonic Orchestra, Incheon Philharmonic Orchestra and Daegu

Orchestra, and has given numerous recitals throughout France, Germany, Switzerland and Morocco.

Concert tickets may be purchased at the Stiefel Theatre Box Office, 151 S. Santa Fe, by calling 785-827-1998 or online at www.ticketmaster.com. Single admission is \$22 for adults and \$12 for students.

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