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SALINA SYMPHONY SEASON OPENS OCTOBER 10 WITH "ALL THINGS RUSSIA"

Sept. 7, 2010, SALINA, KAN.—The Salina Symphony opens its 2010-2011 season with an afternoon of "All Things Russia" on Sunday, October 10, at 4:00 p.m., at the Stiefel Theatre. The concert will feature works by Stravinsky and Shostakovich as well as the magnificent Tchaikovsky "Violin Concerto" featuring Itamar Zorman, winner of the 2010 King Award for Young Artists National Music Competition.

Cited by the press as a "virtuoso of emotions," Zorman had his solo debut in Carnegie Hall with the American Symphony Orchestra in 2008. Originally from Israel, he has also performed at Lincoln Center and has been featured in numerous television and radio programs in the U.S., Israel, Austria, France and Russia. Zorman completed his Master of Music degree from The Juilliard School and the Artist Diploma from Manhattan School of Music, and currently studies with Sylvia Rosenberg at The Juilliard School in the Artist Diploma Program. Among his many awards are top prizes at the King Award Competition, The Manhattan School of Music's Concerto Competition, The Claremont Competition in Israel, The Rubin Academy Jerusalem Competition and the Israeli Conservatory Competition.

Zorman's impressive combination of skill, technique and emotion will be brilliantly displayed through his performance of the Tchaikovsky "Violin Concerto." Written in 1878, it is one of the best known of all violin concertos and is considered to be among the most technically difficult works for violin.

The Symphony will also perform a piece composed by 2006 Salina High School South graduate, Kenya Gillespie. A composer, pianist and violinist, Gillespie was named an “Emerging Composer” in 2009 by the New York Arts Ensemble Young Composer Competition. He graduated from Yale University in May 2010 with a B.A. in music. His piece, titled “Dove Descending,” received its world premiere from the Jonathan Edwards Chamber Philharmonic and was also read by the Yale Symphony Orchestra.

Single admission is \$22 for adults and \$12 for students. Tickets may be purchased beginning September 10 at the Stiefel Theatre Box Office, 151 S. Santa Fe, by calling 785-827-1998 or online at www.ticketmaster.com. Season tickets are available at a cost of \$95 for adults and \$50 for students.

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