

## Press Release

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### SALINA SYMPHONY ANNOUNCES 55<sup>th</sup> SEASON

June 24, 2010, SALINA, KAN.— The Salina Symphony invites audiences to experience its 55<sup>th</sup> season: “Hometown Players, Big City Sound.” An impressive array of guest artists will join the Symphony in presenting another exciting season that offers something for everyone.

The season opens with **All Things Russia** on October 10. The Symphony will present works by Stravinsky and Shostakovich as well as the magnificent Tchaikovsky “Violin Concerto” featuring Itamar Zorman, 25-year-old winner of the 2010 King Award for Young Artists National Music Competition. Cited by the press as a “virtuoso of emotions,” Zorman has performed at Carnegie Hall and Lincoln Center as well as many other concert halls around the world.

The ever-popular **Christmas Festival** will feature song and dance from members of the Salina Chorale, Kansas Wesleyan University Chorale, Children’s Holiday Chorus and Peggy Simms’ Center for Theatre Arts Dancers. The family-friendly concert will be presented on both December 18 and 19.

The Symphony will welcome home the sons of Salina music legend and Symphony founder, Eric Stein, during the **Coming Home** concert on January 30. Edmund and Rudolph Stein will perform Brahms’ “Double Concerto” for violin and cello. Edmund Stein is past concertmaster of the San Diego Opera and has been a member of the San Diego Symphony since 1987. Rudolph Stein works as a cellist in the Los Angeles recording industry and is a member of the Pacific Symphony Orchestra.

Audiences will be treated to **Vienna Prelude** on March 13 with the “Die Fledermaus Overture” by Johann Strauss along with Beethoven’s “Triple Concerto” for violin, cello and piano featuring the Faculty Piano Trio from Fort Hays State University.

The Symphony season will conclude on May 1 with a **Tribute to Musical Theatre**. Vocalists Teri Johnson and Patrick Greene will return to their hometown of Salina to perform love songs from “Phantom of the Opera,” “Pirates of Penzance” and “The Magic Flute.” Johnson, a vocal instructor at Temple College in Temple, Texas, has performed roles in opera and musical theatre throughout the United States. Greene, a regular soloist with the Wichita Grand Opera, made his New York debut at Carnegie Hall in Mozart’s “Requiem” with John Rutter conducting.

Additional season offerings include the opera “Hansel and Gretel,” to be presented by the Symphony and Kansas Wesleyan University November 12 and 13. Two Youth Symphony concerts featuring the 150 members of the Youth Symphony, Junior Youth Symphony and Preparatory Orchestra will be held November 14 and April 3.

Season tickets go on sale July 12 at a cost of \$95 for adults / \$50 for students and may be ordered by phone at 785-823-8309 or in person at the Symphony office, located on the second floor of the Stiefel Theatre. Please visit [www.salinasymphony.org](http://www.salinasymphony.org) for more information.

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