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SALINA SYMPHONY OPENS SEASON OCTOBER 11 WITH "CLASSICS & BEYOND"

The Salina Symphony opens its 2009-2010 season with **Classics & Beyond** at the Stiefel Theatre on Sunday, October 11, at 4:00 p.m.

The orchestra will perform Mendelssohn's *Symphony No. 5*, also called the "Reformation" Symphony. The piece was composed in 1832 in honor of the 300th anniversary of Martin Luther's *Augsburg Confession*, which had established the founding doctrines of Lutheranism and was a momentous document of the Protestant Reformation. The fourth movement is based on Martin Luther's most well known hymn, *A Mighty Fortress is Our God*.

The exciting season opener will feature the 2009 Youth Symphony Concerto Competition winner, Charlie Fiorillo, on saxophone. A senior at Salina High School South, Fiorillo will perform Ibert's *Concertino de Camera* with the orchestra.

The Symphony will also perform *Roman Carnival Overture* by Berlioz and *Bachianas brasileiras No. 5* by Villa-Lobos. Villa-Lobos wrote nine pieces by the same title, which he named "Brazilian Bach pieces" because of his love for Bach's music. No. 5, written for soprano and eight cellos, will feature Leslie Mangrum, KWU assistant professor of music.

Concert tickets may be purchased at the Stiefel Theatre Box Office, 151 S. Santa Fe, from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday, by calling 785-827-1998 or online at www.ticketmaster.com. The box office will open at 1 p.m. on concert day. Single admission is \$19 for adults and \$12 for

students. Season tickets are available at a cost of \$90 for adults and \$55 for students. Please visit www.salinasymphony.org for more information.

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