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### Salina Symphony Oct. 2 Season Opener to Feature Concert Pianist Tatiana Tessman

SEPTEMBER 15, 2016, SALINA, KAN.— The Salina Symphony will open the season Oct. 2 at 4 p.m. at the Stiefel Theatre with a concert titled, “All Things Romantic.” Tatiana Tessman will perform Ravel’s astonishing *Piano Concerto for the Left Hand*. The Symphony will also perform Beethoven’s Egmont Overture and Howard Hanson’s Second Symphony, “Romantic.”

The *Piano Concerto for the Left Hand* was composed by Maurice Ravel between 1929 and 1930, concurrently with his *Piano Concerto in G*. It was commissioned by Austrian pianist Paul Wittgenstein, who lost his right arm during World War I.

A Russian-born pianist, Tessman’s career is studded with accomplishments and awards that distinguish her as an artist of international stature. She has performed as soloist with orchestras across three continents, including the World Symphony in Cincinnati, Shreveport Symphony, Bach’s Festival Orchestra, Manhattan School of Music Philharmonia, Uruguay Philharmonic Symphony, Panama Philharmonic Symphony, Korea W. Philharmonic and the Russian Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra. Currently residing in Salina, Tessman serves as director of keyboard studies at Kansas Wesleyan University.

#### **Tickets on Sale Now**

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 \$25 or \$35 and \$15 for students. Children ages 5 and older are welcome. All admissions require purchase of a ticket.

The Salina Symphony is a regional orchestra dedicated to enriching lives through artistic music performance and education. Conducted by Maestro Ken Hakoda, the Symphony is one of the premiere musical ensembles of North Central Kansas. For more information, contact Adrienne Allen at (785) 823-8309 or visit [salinasymphony.org](http://salinasymphony.org).

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