

## News Release

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### **SALINA SYMPHONY ANNOUNCES 2009-2010 SEASON**

The Salina Symphony invites audiences to experience “Music through the Ages” as they highlight master composers from several musical time periods, including baroque, classical, romantic and 20<sup>th</sup> Century. Guest artists will include a wonderful array of local, regional and national talent.

The season opens with **Classics & Beyond** on October 11. The orchestra will perform Mendelssohn’s *Symphony No. 5 (Reformation)* and *Roman Carnival Overture* by Berlioz. The concert will also feature local high school senior and Youth Symphony concerto competition winner, Charlie Fiorillo, on saxophone. He will perform Ibert’s *Concertino de Camera* with the orchestra.

The ever-popular **Family Holiday Concert**, held December 13, will highlight local talent, including the Holiday Chorus and Peggy Simms dancers. Repertoire will include beloved Christmas classics as well as upbeat favorites sure to put everyone in the holiday spirit.

On January 31, the Symphony will present **Music of our Time**, performing 20<sup>th</sup> Century favorites such as Williams’ *Star Wars Suite* and Copland’s *Lincoln Portrait*. Acoustic Eidolon musicians Joe Scott and Hannah Alkire, a guitar/cello duo based out of Colorado, will join the Symphony as guest artists. Acoustic Eidolon has performed at the Smoky Hill River Festival and their music has been described as “some of the most beautiful and intriguing music on the scene today.”

Music from the romantic period will be the focus of the March 7 concert. Audiences will be treated to a **Romantic Interlude** with Wagner's *Rienzi Overture* and Brahms' *Variations on a Theme by Haydn*. Pianist Behzod Abduraimov, 2009 King Award gold medalist, will return to Salina to perform Tchaikovsky's *Piano Concerto No. 1*. Abduraimov, whose playing has been described as "literally breathtaking, astonishing in its vitality and tonal range," went on to win the London International Piano Competition in May and has received great critical acclaim.

The Symphony will conclude the season on May 2 with **Bach and the Baroque**. The orchestra will perform Bach's *Orchestra Suite* and will be joined for Handel's *Dixit Dominus* by the voices of the Salina Chorale and Kansas Wesleyan University Philharmonic Choir along with soloists Michelle Cardinal Dolan and Leslie Mangrum.

Symphony season tickets go on sale July 10 at a cost of \$80 for adults and \$50 for students. Ticketholders are invited to take advantage of discounted prices on additional season offerings, including *The Marriage of Figaro*, a comic opera composed by Mozart, to be presented by the Symphony and Kansas Wesleyan University November 6 and 7. Two Youth Symphony concerts featuring the more than 150 members of the Youth Symphony, Junior Youth Symphony and Preparatory Orchestra will be held November 15 and April 11.

Season tickets may be ordered by mail, phone or in person at the Symphony office, located on the second floor of the Stiefel Theatre. Please call the Symphony office at 785-823-8309 or visit [www.salinasymphony.org](http://www.salinasymphony.org) for more information.

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