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# Koch Cultural Trust announces grants to Kansas artists, Winter 2014

Elizabeth B. Koch, president of the Koch Cultural Trust, is honored to announce this quarter's enabling grants to Kansas artists. KCT awards these quarterly grants through the Fred and Mary Koch Charitable Foundation. Award winners are:

# Natalie Darst, Topeka

\$2,500 grant to attend Meadowmount School of Music

## Skyler Dykes, Topeka

\$2,500 grant to attend Boston University Tanglewood Young Artist Program

# Mirella Gauldin, Wichita

\$5,000 grant to purchase French Horn

#### Megan Gill, Wichita

\$1,500 grant to attend Springboard NYC program

#### Molly Hodson, Topeka

\$1,000 grant to purchase new head joint for flute

## **Brittany Jeffery, Salina**

\$3,000 grant to attend Canta in Italia



**Stevie Mack, Wichita** \$2,000 grant to attend Dance Excellance in California

Sarah Mortenson, Manhattan \$2,500 grant to attend Alvin Ailey School of Dance

**Aaron Stepanek, Wichita** \$5,000 grant to attend Canta in Italia

Elizabeth B. Koch founded the Koch Cultural Trust in 1986 to help visual and performing artists overcome financial obstacles. Grants are funded quarterly by the Fred C. and Mary R. Koch Foundation. Applications are available by calling 316-706-7805 or at <a href="www.kochculturaltrust.org">www.kochculturaltrust.org</a>. E-mails may be sent to <a href="kochculturaltrust@sbcglobal.net">kochculturaltrust@sbcglobal.net</a>. Deadlines are Feb. 1, May 1, Aug. 1 and Nov. 1 of each calendar year.

The Koch Cultural Trust Chairman is Elizabeth B. Koch. Executive Director is Howard W. Ellington. Additional Selection Committee Members include Wayne Bryan, Producing Artistic Director Music Theater Wichita; Cecil Riney, Professor Emeritus in Music, Stan Rogers, Associate Professor and Director of Ballet Friends University and Dr. Jay Decker, Professor Emeritus of Music.