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**Koch Cultural Trust announces grants
to Kansas artists, Winter 2012**

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 C. and Mary R. Koch Charitable Foundation. Award winners are:

Rosemarie Benecasa, Goddard

\$2500 grant to commission a Shortstring Viola and bow

Grace Brungardt, Wichita

\$3000 grant to attend Jacobs School of Music Piano Academy at Indiana Univ.

Natalie Darst, Topeka

\$4000 grant to attend Meadowmount School of Music

Madeline Harder, Wichita

\$2500 grant to attend summer camp

Gianna Jacobson, Wichita

\$1000 grant to attend American Ballet Theatre Summer Dance Intensive

Sarah Mortenson, Manhattan

\$4000 grant to attend ballet intensive

Corinne Penner, Wichita

\$4500 grant to attend Brevard Institute Summer program

Stephanie Shelden, Wichita

\$2500 grant to purchase new cello and bow

Lucas Young, Wichita

\$1000 to attend North American Saxophone Alliance

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 www.kochculturaltrust.org. E-mails may be sent to kochculturaltrust@sbcglobal.net. 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, Music Theater of 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.