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**Koch Cultural Trust announces grants  
to Kansas artists, Winter 2010**

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:

**Michael Brungardt, Wichita**

\$5000 grant to purchase a new cello

**Ian Gibb, Andover**

\$4000 grant to train in New York City

**Hillary Harder, Wichita**

\$2000 grant to attend Credo Summer Chamber Music Camp

**Madeline Harder, Wichita**

\$2000 grant to attend Credo Summer Chamber Music Camp

**Kathryn Helmer, Wichita**

\$2500 grant to purchase a new bassoon

**Laura Marsh, Lawrence**

\$2500 grant to attend the Cortona Sessions for New Music this summer

**Erica Michel, Topeka**

\$1700 grant to attend Marina Piccinini's Masterclass

**Cheng Qian, Winfield**

\$2500 grant to purchase a new violin

**Emily Shehi, Olathe**

\$2700 grant to attend Music @ Menlo in San Francisco

*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](http://www.kochculturaltrust.org). E-mails may be sent to [kochculturaltrust@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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 Mitchell Berman, Wichita Symphony; Wayne Bryan, Music Theater of Wichita; and Cecil Riney, Professor Emeritus in Music.*