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**Koch Cultural Trust announces grants
to Kansas artists, Winter 2011**

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:

Grace Brungardt, Wichita

\$2,500 grant to attend International Institute for Young Musicians at KU

Hannah Cartwright, Wichita

\$1,000 grant to purchase a new bow

Patricia Cole, Rose Hill

\$4,000 grant to attend The School of American Ballet

Megan Crownover, Wichita

\$4,000 grant to attend Brevard Music Center Summer Festival

Riki Eto, Wichita

\$3,000 grant to attend NYU Jazz Improvisation Workshop

Anna Flora, Wichita

\$1,300 grant to attend the Suzuki Sound Encounters Program

Kayla Flora, Wichita

\$1,500 grant to attend Ottawa Sound Encounters Program

Tyler Kincaid, Lawrence

\$3,000 grant to purchase a flugel horn

Matthew Kleopfer, Derby

\$2,000 grant to purchase an Eb trumpet and case

Jodi Lightner, Wichita

\$2,500 grant to attend Vermont Studio Center as Artist in Residence and attend The CAA Conference in NYC

Abby Lingg, Goddard

\$1,500 grant to compete in the MTNA Piano Duet National Competition

Arri Simon, Wichita

\$2,000 grant for expenses for organizing an orchestra and recording a concert

Jessica Vogel, Topeka

\$2,500 grant to attend the National Flute Association convention in North Carolina

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.