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**Koch Cultural Trust announces grants
to Kansas artists, Spring 2009**

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:

Amanda Brown, Wichita

\$1500 grant to study with Alan Held in Philadelphia

Hannah Chaney, Kechi

\$1500 grant to upgrade violin and bow

Daniel Chaney, Kechi

\$2500 grant to purchase new cello

Lindsay Dickmeyer, Wichita

\$3000 grant to purchase a new flute

Hillary Harder, Wichita

\$2000 grant to attend Credo Summer Chamber Music Camp

Tyler Hendrickson, Iowa

\$4000 grant to attend Aspen Music Festival

Tim Jones, Wichita

\$4000 grant to purchase a new violin

Hannah Lujano, McPherson

\$4000 grant to attend Joffrey Ballet Summer Intensive in NYC

Erica Nightengale, Topeka

\$3000 grant to attend National Flute Assoc. Flute Choir & Jim Walker Masterclass

Andrew O'Connor, Wichita

\$500 grant to attend 22nd Annual Bradetich Double Bass Masterclass

Richard Paugh, Wichita

\$1500 grant to participate in 2009 Competition Season of The Cavaliers Drum Bugle Corps

Olivia Schultze, Bel Aire

\$500 grant to attend summer music program

Emily Shehi, Olathe

\$2500 grant to attend Music @ Menlo 2009 in California

Aaron Short, Olathe

\$1000 grant to attend "Opera in the Ozarks"

David Thacker, Valley Center

\$2500 grant to purchase a new cello

Kylee Tucker, Hutchinson

\$1000 grant to attend Tulsa Ballet's Pointe to the Future

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 Mitchell Berman, Wichita Symphony; Wayne Bryan, Music Theater of Wichita; and Cecil Riney, Professor Emeritus in Music.