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

**Amanda Borders, Wichita**

\$1225 grant to attend Sound Encounters

**Virginia Brungardt, Atchison**

\$1650 grant to attend Aria International Summer Academy

**Elizabeth Chippeaux, Wichita**

\$2200 grant to attend Sewanee Music Festival

**Sarah Frangenberg, Wichita**

\$1500 grant to attend Indiana University Ballet Intensive and Clifton Dance Project

**Sophi Frangenberg, Wichita**

\$1500 grant to attend Indiana University Ballet Intensive and Clifton Dance Project

**Sonja Hathaway, Wichita**

\$2500 grant to attend Credo Summer Program

**Howard Jones, Wichita**

\$4000 grant to attend Quartet Program in New York

**Anna Kimmel, Hutchinson**

\$4100 grant to attend American Ballet Theatre Summer Intensive

**Stevie Mack, Wichita**

\$3500 to attend Rockette Summer Intensive in New York City

**Caroline Morales, Wichita**

\$3000 to attend Washington School of Ballet Summer Intensive

**Sarah Potter, Winfield**

\$4000 to purchase a violin

**Danielle Rohr, Ellsworth**

\$2500 grant to attend Opera in the Ozarks

**Caroline Thacker, Valley Center**

\$1000 grant to attend Sound Encounters

**Christopher Thacker, Valley Center**

\$1000 grant to attend Sound Encounters

**Jennifer Weiman, Wichita**

\$2000 grant to attend Opera in the Ozarks

**Abigail Whittle, Wichita**

\$3500 grant to attend Lyric Opera Studio in Weimar, Germany

**Gretchen Wiswell, Valley Center**

\$3000 grant to attend Nashville Ballet Summer Intensive

*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.*