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Liz Koch, President of the Kansas Cultural Trust, is honored to announce the fourth quarter, 2004 Kansas Cultural Trust grant recipients. These grants were made possible through the Charles G. Koch Charitable Foundation. The following grants have been awarded:

William Browning
Lyric Baritone
Wichita
31 To attend Aspen Music Festival $5000

Donna Pimental
Soprano
Wichita
27 Audition and competition expenses $5000

Carl Wilder
Bassoon
Winfield
17 Attend Masterworks Festival in England $1900

Daniel Wilder
Cello
Winfield
15 Attend Masterworks Festival in England $1900

Jacob Wilder
Horn
Winfield
14 Attend Masterworks Festival in England $800

The Kansas Cultural Trust, founded in 1986 by Elizabeth B. Koch, was created to help visual and performing artists overcome financial obstacles. The Trust awards Enabling Grants to young artists to enable them to take advantage of opportunities when they arise early in their careers. These Enabling Grants are funded quarterly by the Charles G. Koch Foundation.

The application deadlines for this year are as follows:

First Quarter March 1, 2004
Second Quarter June 1, 2004
Third Quarter September 1, 2004
Fourth Quarter December 1, 2004
Applications are available by calling the Trust office at 316-687-1027.

The Kansas Cultural Trust Chairman is Elizabeth B. Koch and the Executive Director is Howard W. Ellington. Additional Selection Committee Members consist of Mitchell Berman, Wichita Symphony; Wayne Bryan, Music Theater of Wichita; and Cecil J. Riney, Friends University.