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PRESS RELEASE:

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Liz Koch, President of the Kansas Cultural Trust, is honored to announce the First Quarter, 2008 Kansas Cultural Trust Enabling Grant recipients. These Grants were made possible through the Fred C. and Mary R. Koch Charitable Foundation. The following grants have been awarded:

Lars Berggren
Violin
Lindsborg
(16) Attend Brevard Music Center $1,500.00

Andrew Book
Double Bass
Wichita / Salina
(21) Attend Karr Kamp $2,000.00

Amanda Brown
Soprano
Wichita
(20) Attend Opera in the Ozark’s $1,500.00

Brock Chart
Saxophone/Piano
Salina
(16) Attend University of North Texas Jazz Combo Workshop $500.00

Jessica Findley
Bassoon
Wichita
(15) Purchase a bassoon $2,500.00

Katrina Gildemeister
Viola
Wichita
(13) Attend Junior Student Seminar at the Rocky Ridge Music Center in Colo. $1,500.00

Stefan Gildemeister
Trumpet
Wichita
(15) Attend the George Parks Drum Major Academy in Illinois $500.00

Madeline Harder
Cello
Wichita
(13) Attend Credo Summer Music Camp and purchase a new cello $2,500.00

Jodi Lightner
Artist
Wichita
(28) Attend International School of Painting Drawing and Sculpture in Italy $2,500.00
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 Fred C. and Mary R. Koch Foundation.

The deadlines for 2008 are as follows:

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Applications are available by calling the Trust office at 316-706-7805 or on our website www.kansas-culturaltrust.org. Emails may be sent to ksculturaltrust@sbcglobal.net.

The Kansas Cultural Trust Chairman is Elizabeth B. Koch and the Executive Director is Howard W. Ellington. Additional Selection Committee Members include Mitch Berman, Wichita Symphony; Wayne Bryan, Music Theater of Wichita; and Cecil Riney, Professor Emeritus in Music.