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Liz Koch, President of the Kansas Cultural Trust, is honored to announce the first quarter, 2005 Kansas Cultural Trust grant recipients. These grants were made possible through the Fred C. and Mary R. Koch Charitable Foundation. The following grants have been awarded:

Kalina Bartlett Ballet Derby	Attend a summer program	\$2500
Kaylie Bullock Ballet Wichita	Attend Tulsa Ballet program	\$1975
Jessica Dickinson Cello Newton	Attend Interlochen	\$3582
Andrea Geniuk French Horn Wichita	Attend Chautauqua Music Festival	\$3500
Haylie Heatwole Ballet RoseHill	Attend Texas Ballet School	\$1148
Melissa Leiker Bassoon Wichita	Attend International Double Reeds Convention	\$375
Lorna McPeek-Henderson Viola Belle Plaine	Attend Summer Program	\$1530
Tina Murano Artist Halstead	Attend Mosaic Art School in Italy	\$5000

Janelle Ott Bassoon Wichita	Attend International Double Reeds Convention	\$500
Sofia Saavedra Bassoon/Saxophone Wichita/Panama	Attend Summer Program	\$2000
Dane Saksa Cello Wichita	Attend Northwestern Summer Institute in Chicago	\$4000
Parker Stanley Cello Newton	Attend Summer Program	\$1500
Alicia VanGilder Bassoon Wichita/Ark City	Attend International Double Reed Convention	\$375
Brett Wagner Bass Hutchinson	Attend Eastern Music Camp	\$2200
Amanda Weissshaur Bassoon Wichita	Attend International Double Reeds Convention	\$500
Melissa Williamson Flute Winfield	Attend Masterworks Festival	\$2200
Andrew Wright Piano Wichita	Attend Cliburn Piano Competition	\$2220

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 Charitable Foundation.

The application deadlines for this year are as follows:

First Quarter	March 1, 2005
Second Quarter	June 1, 2005
Third Quarter	September 1, 2005
Fourth Quarter	December 1, 2005

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.