

**Paul Pollei**  
Founder/Artistic Director  
The Gina Bachauer International Piano Foundation



Dear Music Lovers:

The news of the creation and launch of an international competition titled the Stradivarius International Violin Competition to be held in Salt Lake City beginning June 2007 is cause for much celebration and excitement.

For over 30 years, the Gina Bachauer International Piano Competition has welcomed pianists from many countries to join together in a spirit of comrades and in competition to identify some of the greatest piano talents of the world. I am confident that the organizers of the Stradivarius International Violin Competition founded by Mr. Charles W. Liu, aspire to confirm and succeed with a similar commitment for the rarified world of the great talents of the violin schools.

Salt Lake City will share the pairing of the two great musical cornerstones, the violin and the piano. The city represents a perfect balance of the love of musical instruments and the music composed for them that will attract the most brilliant new talents in the world. To identify these talents, create the opportunities for performances by these artists, and launch them in their future careers from our city marks the on-going dreams and cultural heights to which Salt Lake City and Utah have always aspired.

I am confident that with the dedication and enthusiasm manifest, the remarkable goals set forth in the inaugural plans and goals of the competition that the Stradivarius International Violin Competition will succeed in identifying and naming future artists who will claim their places in the musical spotlights and distinguish themselves for generations to come. All efforts spent in making this possible are worthy of the highest acclaim, good wishes and support from the citizens of Salt Lake City and Utah.

The Gina Bachauer International Piano Foundation salutes, congratulates and joins together in pledging our partnership in the musical arts. We compliment the determined and exceptional efforts of the organization and the goals set forth by the organizers and committee members of the Stradivarius International Violin Competition and pledge our mutual support.

We look forward to the joy of brilliant music making by the participants of the competition, and the excitement of the naming of winners of this very special new event to grace Salt Lake City, the Stradivarius International Violin Competition.

Our sincere best wishes and compliments,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul Pollei". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

Paul Pollei, Founder/Artistic Director  
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