

## PRESS RELEASE

### **The Stradivarius International Violin Competition Opening Ceremonies tonight at 7:00 at Libby Gardener Hall**

*Salt Lake City, Utah, July 7, 2010—The Stradivarius International Violin Competition provides information about our ensuing International Junior Competition and our Utah Division finals, as well as a brief schedule of the event At Libby Gardner hall.*

*The Stradivarius International Violin Competition* will continue its second event on Wednesday, July 7, 2010 at Libby Gardner Hall (at the University of Utah). The Opening Ceremonies begin at 7:00pm. Here, we will introduce the international competitors and judges. We will also announce the finalists for the Utah Division. The Utah Division finals will take place Saturday morning, July 10<sup>th</sup> at 8:00-9:00am. After announcing our finalists, Andrej Power, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize-winner of the 1st Stradivarius International Violin Competition will play the Tchaikovsky Violin Concerto, accompanied by the Salt Lake Symphony, under the direction of Robert Baldwin.

Local officials, Mayor Seghini and Peter Corroon will attend.

The primary focus of the Stradivarius International Violin Competition is to select winners from 15 semi-finalists in the International Junior Division as well as to highlight some of our most outstanding local talent.

The 15 international *semi-finalists* represent nations scattered from around the globe, and they come from some of the most prestigious music schools in the world. These artists are as follows:

Hannah Cho (South Korea), Jessie Chen (California), Yu-Ting Chen (Taiwan), Stephen Kim (California), Mia Laity (Arizona), Pei-Wen Liao (Taiwan), Mecca Menrad (Canada), Ryan Murphy (Illinois), Kenneth Renshaw (California), Marie Rossano (Washington), Kristie Su (California), Caitlin Wood (Canada), Melody Yuan (Canada), Andi Zhang (China), and Kevin Zheng (North Carolina).

Our international musicians compete on Thursday, July 8<sup>th</sup>- Friday, the 9<sup>th</sup>. The winners of our International Junior Division will be announced at 7:00pm on Friday, July 9<sup>th</sup> in Libby Gardener Hall. Andrej Power will give a short recital afterwards.

The Stradivarius International Violin Competition hosts many concerts and events throughout the week of July 5-10<sup>th</sup>. Most events are free and open to the public. This competition is streaming live from [www.stradcompetition.org](http://www.stradcompetition.org).