

PRESS RELEASE

The Stradivarius International Violin Competition Continues Finalists will be announced at *Stradivari and Guarneri* Concert Tonight, July 12, 2013, 7:30 PM, Libby Gardner Hall

*Salt Lake City, Utah, July 12, 2013—The Stradivarius International Violin Competition provides information about our continuing International Junior Competition finals and our Utah Division finals, as well as presents **Stradivari and Guarneri Concert, a special Concert featuring two rare multi-million dollar Italian violins from the 1700's.***

The Stradivarius International Violin Competition will continue its third event on Friday, July 12th, at Libby Gardner Hall (at the University of Utah). The International Junior Division competitors enter semi-final rounds throughout the day. Finalists will be announced at this evening's concert at 7:30 PM, Libby Gardner Hall.

After the announcement of the International finalists we will be treated to a special concert featuring two very rare multi-million dollar Italian violins, the 1714 "Jackson" Stradivarius violin and the 1742 "Sloan" Guarnerius del Gesu violin. These instruments were made by, arguably, the two very best violinmakers in history. Don't miss it!

The primary focus of the Stradivarius International Violin Competition is to select winners from 18 semi-finalists in the International Junior Division as well as to highlight some of our most outstanding local talent.

The winner of the International Violin Competition receives \$7,500 cash, a hand-made violin made by Charles W. Liu, valued at \$15,000, and a solo appearance with the Utah Symphony. The First Place winner will also have the unique opportunity to play on one of two multi-million dollar Italian violins, either the 1714 "Jackson" Stradivarius violin or the 1742 "Sloan" Guarnerius del Gesu violin.

The Utah Division FINALS will be in Libby Gardner Hall between 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM, Saturday, July 13th. The winner of the Utah Division receives a cash prize of \$750.00 for First Prize. The First Prize winner will also have a solo appearance with the Utah Symphony. The division winners will be announced at tomorrow evening's Concert and Closing Ceremonies, Saturday, July 13th at 7:30PM, Libby Gardner Hall.

The International Junior Division FINALS in Libby Gardener Hall between 1:00-5:00pm, Saturday, July 13th. The day concludes with our Closing Ceremonies and Final Concert at 7:30PM, Libby Gardner Hall. All of our finalists, in both the Utah and International Junior Divisions will perform. We will announce all winners. Local officials, judges, and sponsors will award prizes. Mayor Seghini of Midvale will be in attendance.