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*Music gives a soul to the universe,
Wings to the mind,
Flight to the imagination
And life to everything.
- Plato*

Dear Friends,

As Governor of the great State of Utah, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the 2013 International Stradivarius Violin Competition.

I applaud the young violinists, aged eleven to seventeen, who come to our beautiful state from around the world to showcase their tremendous musical abilities and skills, as well as their families and friends who support and encourage them in this endeavor. I also extend my appreciation to the distinguished judges of this competition for their dedication to excellence.

Utah is renowned for its natural beauty and thriving cultural scene. During your stay, I encourage you to enjoy the wonderful experiences our state has to offer for your entertainment and enrichment. I am confident that both the inspired music and extraordinary display of talent throughout this event and the diverse amenities in the Salt Lake metropolitan area will make your visit unforgettable.

Best wishes for a successful and memorable competition.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gary R. Herbert".

Gary R. Herbert
Governor