



**Robert Walzel**  
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Dear Music Enthusiast:

The School of Music at the University of Utah is pleased to welcome the Stradivarius International Violin Competition! We are sure that you will enjoy hearing the many outstanding performances of the competitors in the superb acoustics of our beautiful Libby Gardner Concert Hall. Just as many of today's leading violinists have performed here, we anticipate hearing some of the very best aspiring young violinists during the course of the competition.

The School of Music has a long tradition of excellence. Many of our graduates perform as members of prestigious professional orchestras and chamber ensembles. Our faculty includes renowned performers, conductors, composers, and scholars all who help provide our students with a truly outstanding musical education. Furthermore, our School has previously hosted many international events and conferences, all of which have been wonderful additions to the vibrant and diverse performance culture we seek to provide our students and patrons.

We are honored to be partnering with Charles W. Liu, and others, in presenting the inaugural Stradivarius International Violin Competition on our campus. On behalf of the University, and our faculty and students, we sincerely hope that you enjoy the competition and your stay in Salt Lake City.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robert Walzel'.

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