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## Youth Concerto Competition Winners Selected

**November 2, 2009** – Orchestra Omaha is pleased to announce that the following two students have been selected as the winners of the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Youth Concerto Competition.

### **Senior Division: Luke Witchger, violin**

Luke is a senior at Creighton Prep in Omaha, and is currently a student of Anne Nagosky. A previous winner of the Omaha Area Youth Orchestra (OAYO) Concerto Competition, Luke also served as Concertmaster of the National High School Music Institute Orchestra. Luke will be performing the first movement of the *Concerto No. 2 in D Minor, Op. 22* by Henryk Wieniawski.

### **Junior Division: Nadia Maudhoo, violin**

Nadia is an eighth grader at Russell Middle School in Omaha, and currently studies violin with Anne Nagosky. She has placed first in a number of competitions, including the MTNA West Central Division Competition, the OAYO Concerto Competition, and the Lucy Weed String Competition. Nadia has also been invited to perform with the Omaha Symphony on two occasions. Nadia will be performing the *Introduction and Rondo Capriccioso, Op. 28*, by Camille Saint-Saens.

Each of these winners will receive a \$200 prize, and will perform with the orchestra on our *New Worlds* concert. This performance will take place at 3:00pm on Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2010, at the Lutheran Church of the Master West Campus, 1200 N. 181<sup>st</sup> Court. There is no charge for admission, and the concert is open to the public. For additional information, please call (402) 681-4791 or visit [www.orchestraomaha.org](http://www.orchestraomaha.org).

The following two students have also been selected as Honorable Mentions:

**Senior Division: Caroline Juster, trombone** (senior, Westside High School)

**Junior Division: Yasmeen Bora, violin** (freshman, Millard North High School)

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Since 1998, Orchestra Omaha has presented symphony orchestra concerts free of charge to the public. We are recognized as a not-for-profit organization by the State of Nebraska and the Internal Revenue Service. Our mission is to provide greater Omaha area musicians opportunities to perform in a symphony orchestra while offering the community an artistically engaging experience. Performances are presented four times a year at a variety of venues throughout the Omaha metro area. Originally founded as the Omaha Municipal Orchestra, the 2009-10 year marks our eleventh season of concerts.