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Competition Winners to be Featured on Upcoming Concert

January 14, 2010 – Orchestra Omaha will present its third concert of the 2009-10 season on Sunday, February 21, 2010 at 3:00pm. The concert, titled "*New Worlds*", will showcase the two winners of the annual Youth Concerto Competition. In addition, the orchestra will perform the Symphony No. 9 (*From the New World*) by Czech composer Antonin Dvořák.

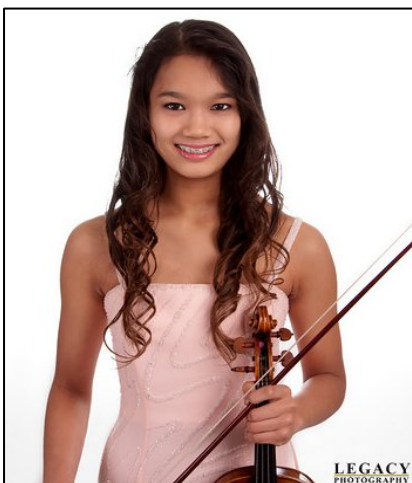
Orchestra Omaha's Youth Concerto Competition was established during the 2006-07 season as a means of providing exceptionally talented young musicians with the opportunity to perform as a soloist with a symphony orchestra and professional conductor. Orchestra Omaha is the only organization providing this unique performance opportunity to all music students in the Omaha metropolitan area.

The winners of this year's competition are Luke Witchger, violin, and Nadia Maudhoo, violin.



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.

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The *New Worlds* performance takes place on Sunday, February 21st at the Lutheran Church of the Master West Campus, 1200 N. 181st Court, at 3:00 p.m. There is no charge for admission, and the concert is open to the public. Prizes will be given away at the concert, and it is ideal for all ages and families! For additional information, please call (402) 681-4791 or visit www.orchestraomaha.org.

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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. The 2009-10 year marks our eleventh season of concerts.

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