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LaGrange Symphony Announces Winners of 2011 SCALA Competition

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The Board of Directors of the LaGrange Symphony Orchestra has announced the winners of the 9th annual SCALA competition, held recently at Callaway Auditorium on the campus of LaGrange College in LaGrange, Georgia. Each of the winners receives a cash prize of \$300 for their achievement.

DJ Thomas is the winner of the Barbara Malis award. DJ is a sophomore at LaGrange College and is the son of Beverly and Stanley Thomas of LaGrange. He currently studies voice with Dr. Toni Anderson. As the Barbara Mails Award recipient, Mr. Thomas will perform in concert with the LaGrange Symphony Youth Orchestra on Monday, March 7, 2011 in the Callaway Auditorium.

Jieun Jang, piano, is the winner of the Ashley Hawkins Award for Keyboard/Percussion Performance. Jang has studied for 7 years and currently is a student of Kyeong - Yeon Chae.

The Emily Wentworth Landa Award for Vocal Performance winner is Meagan Sharp. The daughter of Andy and Angela Sharp, Meagan is a senior at LaGrange High School and has studied for more than 8 years with Marty Davis.

The Kathryn Mercer Merrill Award for Wind Instrument Performance goes to Leah Bolden. Leah is the daughter of Ricky and Glenda Bolden of LaGrange. She is a senior at LaGrange High School and studies with Sally Traylor.

The Emily Katherine Smith Award for String Performance winner is Christine Yin, violin. Christine is a student at West Side Magnet School and is the daughter of Drs. William and Carol Yin of LaGrange. She studies with Celeste Myall.

Any music student under the age of 19 on the day of the competition who is a resident of the area including Troup, Chambers, Heard, Harris and Meriwether Counties is eligible to apply for the competition. Performance may be in the categories of piano, percussion, voice, winds or strings.

Additional information about the LaGrange Symphony's annual SCALA competition is available online at www.lagrangesymphony.org.