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## KPAS AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS

(Kerrville) – When the 2010-2011 school year begins this September, four local music students will begin pursuing a career in the performing arts at the college of their choice with financial assistance provided by the Kerrville Performing Arts Society (KPAS). While KPAS is better known within the community as the presenter of first-class performing arts concerts at The Cailloux Theater, this non-profit organization has awarded student scholarships since its inception in 1984. To date, over 60 students have received scholarship funds from KPAS. In turn, these students have embarked on careers as music performers and music teachers.

*The 2010 KPAS Performing Arts Scholarship Winners performed pre-concert lobby music at the Peter Schickele/PDQ Bach performance on Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. Barbara Cordova, KPAS Board Member and Chairperson of the Education Committee, presented each of the students with a certificate honoring their accomplishments. Pictured right are the 2010 Winners (from left to right): Richie Miller, Dani Stevens, Barbara Cordova (KPAS), Evana Toll and James Smith.*



Barbara Cordova, Education/Scholarship Chairperson for KPAS, organized the 2010 Scholarship Auditions that involved students from the Texas Hill Country. Three local performing arts professionals adjudicated this year's scholarship auditions and included: Fred Klaerner, Terri Henneke, and Dr. Jay Dunahoo. In addition to the actual audition, students completed an application form and had two letters of recommendation on file including one from their music instructor.

The first place award, The Charles Browning Memorial Scholarship, in the amount of \$3000, was awarded to Dani Stevens. Dani is a student at Tivy High School and was recently featured with The Symphony of the Hills at their Rising Stars concert performing the Chaminade "Concertino". Dani has been in All-Region band for four years and will be competing at the State UIL Solo/Ensemble contest in May. She hopes to attend Texas Tech University, Texas State University, UTSA or Southwestern University as a music major in the fall, and ultimately become a professional flute player, proficient in both performance and music education. Dani is the daughter of Jack and Leslie Stevens.

Richie Miller, percussionist from Tivy High School, received the second place award of \$2500. He plans to attend UTSA, University of Houston or Baylor University this fall with a concentration in music. Richie has amassed a number of musical accolades and achievements, including being selected as member of the All Region Band (2007-2010), All-Area Band (2007-2010), and Drum Captain of the Tivy High School Drumline (2008-2010). Richie looks forward to teaching and inspiring young musicians at the middle school/high school level upon graduation from college. Richie's parents are Jeff and Sharie Miller of Kerrville.

A tie for third place between James Smith and Evana Toll will result in each of them receiving \$2,000 toward their college educations. James Smith, saxophone student from Fredericksburg High School, is looking forward to furthering his music degree at University of North Texas. In addition to playing alto saxophone for the past 7 years, James has also sung with the Fredericksburg Varsity Choir. A member of the All-State Band for the past two years, James has been very active in U.I.L. solo/ensemble contests, Region and Area Band Contests, and has maintained First Chair Saxophone at Fredericksburg for four years. During marching season, James' role became that of Drum Major, and he looks forward to working on his degree in music education. James is the son of Maria Smith.

Evana Toll, Double Bass, has been very involved with the Hill Country Youth Orchestra program and the Youth Orchestra of San Antonio. Evana is a homeschooled student who has studied Double Bass for 10 years, trombone for 4 years, and piano for 2 years. She has successfully been a part of the TMEA All State Orchestra for three years and has attended the Eastern Music Festival Summer Camp at Greensboro, North Carolina. Evana is the daughter of Naomi Toll and hopes to attend Boston University, UT-Austin, UTSA or Northwestern University.

KPAS' commitment to the youth of the community does not stop at the scholarship level. Each season KPAS will contract with the world-renown artists in their series to provide student outreach programs for our local youth. This past season KPAS provided funding for student outreach concerts that were attended by over 4,500 local students.

KPAS has also provided over 300 students the opportunity to perform pre-concert music in the lobby of the Cailloux Theater prior to the evening concert. The students who perform receive complimentary tickets from KPAS to attend the performance by the professional artist. This past season, Mrs. Masel Quinn provided seating for these students at each and every KPAS concert.

For additional information on Kerrville Performing Arts Society, visit [www.kpas.org](http://www.kpas.org).

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