



Salida Aspen Concerts

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MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS ANNOUNCED

Salida Concerts, Inc. announced that Emma Schleicher and Rachel Jackson, both of Salida, will receive this year's scholarships for deserving music students in Chaffee County.

Emma Schleicher, daughter of Rod and Cheri Schleicher of Salida, was awarded the \$1,000 "Encore" scholarship to continue her musical studies at Colorado State University, Pueblo, where she just finished her sophomore year. "Encore" scholarships are designated for students enrolled in accredited institutions of higher learning. This is the third year Schleicher has won the same scholarship based on her talent and academic achievements.

Schleicher's instrument is the trombone. This year at CSU-Pueblo she played in the jazz band, symphonic band and sang in the concert choir while studying basic conducting. She also holds a position in the Fountain Creek Brass Band and Pueblo Symphony as a substitute.

A 2004 graduate of Salida High School, Schleicher currently majors in music education and hopes to pursue a master's degree in the field.

Rachel Jackson, daughter of Kat Jackson of Salida, won the \$500 "Prelude" award to further her musical training alongside regular academic studies at Interlochen Center for the Arts, Interlochen, Mich. Jackson, who just completed her sophomore year at Salida High School, has been accepted in the Junior Class as a Saxophone Major for the year 2006-07 at the prestigious academy.

While playing in the band this year at Salida High School Jackson qualified for all-state concert band and all-state jazz band, a rare feat for a sophomore. She was also

active in dance, drama and vocal music and regularly performed in local stage productions. She served on student council and as a member of key club and has been listed on the scholastic honor roll every year since 2000.

Jackson's dream is to attend Interlochen through 2008 and then pursue music in college. After that, according to her application for the scholarship, Jackson said, "I want to perform, and completely shake the world of music."

Salida Concerts Inc. began awarding scholarships in 1999 as part of its mission to advance musical achievement by supporting budding talent in the schools. Funds come out of annual contributions from local music lovers to the Salida Aspen Concert series and business people who advertise in the program booklet distributed at each concert.

For in-depth information about Salida Concerts Inc., see <
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