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## **Twin Cities Jewish Chorale Announces Winners of Young Solo Artist Competition**

**Minneapolis/St. Paul, January 29, 2012**—The Twin Cities Jewish Chorale is pleased to announce that Laura Block and Corbin Jerde have been selected as joint winners of the Chorale's First Annual Young Solo Artist Competition. The competition was open to all Twin Cities high school junior and senior vocalists. Entrants submitted recorded performances of works by Jewish composers; finalists were then invited to a live audition. The Young Solo Artist winners will perform their solos at the Chorale's Jewish Pops Concert on Sunday afternoon, February 26, 2012.

### *About the Performers:*

Laura Block grew up listening to Cantors Rachel Stock Spilker, Jennifer Seeger, and Jennifer Strauss-Klein at Mount Zion Temple. She sang with Shir Tzion, Mount Zion's children's choir, for five years, continuing with middle and high school choirs at the Blake School, and eight honor choirs at state, regional and national levels. In addition to studying voice and piano, Laura recently joined the Prelude Singer/Actor Performance Lab at MacPhail Center for Music. Laura is in 11<sup>th</sup> grade at the Blake School, Minneapolis.

Corbin Jerde is a junior at Robbinsdale Armstrong High School. She began her formal singing career in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade as a member of the Robbinsdale All-District Choir. Since then, she has sung with the Bel Canto Girls Choir and the Minnesota Project Opera. Corbin is currently a member of both the Partners in Praise girls choir and the Robbinsdale Armstrong Concert Choir. Last summer, Corbin traveled to Australia to perform at the Sydney Opera House; in July, she will be traveling to San Francisco for the Golden Gate International Choral Festival where she will compete in both the solo and ensemble categories.

In its Jewish Pops Concert, the Twin Cities Jewish Chorale will perform tunes from the Yiddish stage to Broadway. The Jewish Pops Concert will be performed Sunday afternoon, February 26, 2012, at 3:00 p.m. at the fully accessible Adath Jeshurun synagogue, located at 10500 Hillside Lane West in Minnetonka. Tickets cost \$15 regular admission, \$10 for seniors and students; they can be purchased online at [twincitiesjewishchorale.org](http://twincitiesjewishchorale.org) or at the door.

The Chorale strives for multigenerational participation. With their Young Artist soloist, the Jewish Pops Concert musicians will range in age from 16 to 85, with every generation in between.

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