

# KUDOS

## EAGLE SCOUT RANK AWARDED:

Jeremy Tyler Spates was presented the rank of **Eagle Scout** on Saturday at St. John's United Methodist Church.

Spates joined Troop 286 after receiving his Arrow of Light. He is an ordeal member of the Order of the Arrow. He also earned the Methodist religious emblem.

Through his scouting troupe, Spates has been scuba diving at Camp Emerald Bay on Catalina Island and sailing from the Florida National High Adventure Sea Base in the Florida Keys.

For his Eagle project, Spates, other scouts and friends painted 3,500 square feet of wall space between Third and Fourth streets in Downtown Albuquerque. The project was conducted through St. Martin's Hospitality Center and completed in June.

He plans to graduate from Sandia Prep this May and pursue a career in architecture. Spates, the son of **Jim and Barbara Spates**, is involved with youth functions at St. John's, Troop 286's sponsor, including the youth choir and youth group leadership team. He will participate in a summer youth mission trip to San Antonio, Texas.

## YOUNG COMPOSERS SELECTED:

**Hey, Mozart!** New Mexico recently selected the compositions of 16 young composers from across New Mexico, from a pool of 264 works. An additional 18 composers received an honorable mention. The 16 finalists and musicians from the New Mexico Symphony Orchestra will perform their works at a Sept. 12 concert in

Albuquerque.

The finalists are **Jocelyn Boyack**, 7, **Dana Brener**, 12, **George Laird**, 8, **Simon Laird**, 12, **Abbie Reeves**, 10, **Tankred Steinbach**, 10, **Amy Thomas**, 9, and **Ian Kingsolver**, 10, of Albuquerque; **Jaimi Donaldson**, 11, **Levi Doyle**, 8, **Andrew McLaughlin**, 11, and **Amalia Zeitlin**, 12, of Las Cruces; **Jade Kennedy**, 6, and **Jasmine Kennedy**, 9, of Santa Fe; **Thomas Chadwick**, 7, of Los Alamos; and **Sarah Jo Samora**, 8, of Clovis.

Young people 12 years old and under are invited to submit their original melodies. The project is in its third year. The 16 compositions are being arranged for full orchestra by musicians under the direction of **Alejandro Ruty**, the project's artistic director and developer. The orchestrated melodies will be recorded by **Chatter**, a chamber group directed by **David Felberg**.

The composers will perform their melodies in a free concert at the National Hispanic Cultural Center Sept. 12, and NMSO members will play orchestrated versions.

Receiving honorable mentions are: **Tanner Boyack**, 9, **Leedy Corbin**, 5, **Dylan Cuellar**, 11, **Jett Facey**, 8, **Abby Herrick**, 8, **Sam Herrick**, 10, **Malia Kao**, 12, **Megan Rohrer**, 11, **Sarah Velasco**, 10, of Albuquerque; **Autumn Chavez-Repp**, 11, and **Philip Miller**, 12, of Las Cruces; **Abigail Bugg**, 9, of Clovis; **Leonardo Escamilla III**, 9, of Anthony; **Melanie Green**, 9, of Rio Rancho; **Noah Haarmann**, 9, of Jemez Pueblo; **Eliza Harrison**, 11, of Santa Fe; **Ella Kirk**, 8, of Silver City; and **Elijah Salazar-Menzies**, 7, of Española.

The 2008 CD of the orchestrated melodies will be released and available at a free reception honoring the young composers after the concert.



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