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Dear Participants and Guests,

Welcome to the 2011 e-Piano Junior Competition! I am excited that Saint Paul has been chosen to host such a prestigious event. I would like to personally welcome all participants, international jurors and supporters of the competition to this great city.

The musicians who have assembled here today demonstrate a genuine passion for their music and a commitment to excellence. I applaud their dedication and accomplishments. It is a delight to have the world's most promising young pianists gathered here to share their talents and joy of music-making. On behalf of the City of Saint Paul, I wish to extend my congratulations to all of the competitors on their efforts. I also want to thank the Minnesota e-Piano Junior Competition organizers for creating an event that helps identify, promote and develop the next generation of world class artists.

I hope that you enjoy your visit in Saint Paul and will take full advantage of all the wonderful things our city has to offer. Saint Paul is the Arts and Culture Capital of the Midwest, with over 52,000 theater seats, three world-class museums and a vibrant grassroots arts community. Each year, 7 million visitors come to see world-renowned groups like the Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra, national treasures like Penumbra Theatre Company and a music scene ranging from Mint Condition to Tapes 'n Tapes. Saint Paul has a rich literary history, with giants from Fitzgerald to Keillor. Finally, with fan-friendly sporting attractions ranging from the Saint Paul Saints to the Minnesota Wild, there is something for everyone in Saint Paul. To the young contestants, best wishes for a successful competition.

Sincerely,

Christopher B. Coleman  
Mayor