

STRINGS

Adjudicator: Susan Collier ARAM GRSM ARCM LRAM PGCE

Susan Collier has a lifelong passion for communication through music. Inspired, at the age of three, by her first public performance as a violinist at the Royal College of Music, she has since dedicated herself to expertise in performance and directing. She has put into practice skills of artistic interpretation, reading and playing to audiences, timing and sensitivity. She has a keen sense of how to convey musical expression, whether as a soloist, conductor, teacher, director, or as part of an orchestra or chamber group.

She devotes much time to organising and performing in fund-raising events, and is an accredited adjudicator for The British and International Federation of Festivals. She teaches the violin to university students and pupils at the Royal Academy of Music Junior Department, where she also coaches chamber music. As Director of Performance at Mill Hill County High School, Susan conducts the Chamber Orchestra and directs the Barbershop. She freelances with various London-based ensembles and performs with the Silvestre Trio, as well as her son Jacob Collier. She has broadcast on Radio 3 & 4, and Classic FM.

Having studied at the Royal Academy of Music as a violin scholar, Susan became the youngest violin professor in their Junior Department and has since been awarded an ARAM for outstanding services to the violin profession.

Heads of Section: Angela Kinsey & Gwenda Dearsley

The Strings section of the Festival was held at Crookhorn College on Sunday 12th February. The adjudicator this year was Lorraine Deacon who studied cello and chamber music at the Royal Academy of Music. Lorraine is a member of the Perseus Ensemble and her performing career has ranged from West End theatre to the Orchestra of Scottish Opera.

During the day the audience was treated to a varied and impressive display of talent in solos, duets and orchestras from players as young as 5 up to accomplished teenagers and adults, mostly from the Portsmouth area.

The Gordon Cawthorne Memorial Trophy was awarded to the cellist Daniel Simojoki who made the greatest impression on the adjudicator in the age group 14 years and under for his exceptional performance of the first movement of 'Concertino No 1 Opus 7' by Klengel. Jai Feng's performance of a movement from Franck's 'Violin Sonata in A' was also picked out as being particularly impressive in this age group.

The Gordon Cawthorne Memorial Cup was presented to Daniel Simojoki in the Young Strings Classes aged 14 years and under who made the greatest impression on the Adjudicator

The Portsmouth Chorus Challenge Cup was presented to Alexander Smith for the best performance by a performer aged between 15 and 21 years in any Strings class

The Wendy Towell Cup was presented to Christopher Yang as the most promising intermediate level cellist.

The full results for the section were -

Anjana Shaju	Own Choice - Pre-grade Standard	HC	Frederick Alexander Cup
Yasmin Ng	Own Choice - Grade 3 Standard	HC	Vincent Cup
Imogen Yeung	Own Choice - Grade 4 Standard	M	
Zosia Pilsworth	Own Choice - Grade 5 Standard	HC	Durrant Cup
Daniel Simojoki	Own Choice - Grade 6-7 Standard	Hons	Leonard Velde Cup
Miriam Joyce Yab	Twentieth Century - Pre-grade Standard	HC	Katherine Cup
Katie Ho	Twentieth Century - Grade 3 Standard	HC	Evans Cup
Annabel Cullington-Doss	Twentieth Century - Grade 4 Standard	M	
Christopher Yang	Twentieth Century - Grade 5 Standard	D	Marcus Cup
Kenji Luc	Own Choice - Grade 8-8+ Standard	D	Benny Freedman Cup
Zosia Pilsworth	Jazz, Swing & Ragtime	D	Kinsey Cup
Jia Feng	Romantic Piece (1830 - 1900)	D	Gary Cup
Kenji Luc	Unaccompanied Bach	HC	Lait No 1 Cup
Merete Pickard	Easy Concerto/Concertino	HC	G W Wall Cup
Alexander Smith	Sonata	Hons	Sonata Cup
Hannah Simojoki & Emma Paterson	Concerto	D	Warfield Beauchamp Cup
Emmy Huang	Recital	HC	K R Velde Cup
Yasmin & Sasha Ng	Unaccompanied Duet - Grade 1-3 Standard	D	Banks Cup
Annabel Cullington-Doss & Charlie Wright	Unaccompanied Duet - Grade 4-5 Standard	M	
Yasmin & Sasha Ng	Duo	HC	Audrey Brown Cup
Linda Finch	Adult Recital	HC	Viva Chatterton-Allison Cup
Sasha & Yasmin Ng & Imogen Yeung	Family & Friends Ensemble	M	
Petersfield ASSO	Youth Orchestra	HC	Youth Orchestra Cup
Seaview Strings	Adult Orchestra	HC	Weedon Baton

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