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## Nine-year-old wins top prize at international violin competition

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Samuel Tan, from Singapore, has won the Postacchini Prize at the 21st International Andrea Postacchini Violin Competition in Fermo, Italy. He was competing for the prize against musicians up to the age of 35. The nine-year-old also won first prize in category A for eight to eleven-year-olds. He receives a violin by Francesco Piasentini modelled on a 1700 Domenico Montagnana, a bow made by Walter Barbiero and a €1,300 cash prize. Elsewhere in category A, eleven-year-old Serbian Jelena Horvat came second and Lora Markova, eleven, from Bulgaria, came third.



In category B, for 12 to 16-year-olds, 14-year-old Sophie Wang, from Taiwan, won the first prize. Wang studies with Igor Ozim at the Salzburg Mozarteum in Austria. Russian Angelina Gvozdeva, 15, came second and Agafiya Grigoryeva, 15, from Russia, came third.

No first prizes were awarded in categories C or D of the competition, for 17 to 21-year-olds and 22 to 35-year-olds respectively. In category C, Ririko Noborisaka, 19, from Japan, came second and Charlotte Saluste-Bridoux, 18, from France, came third. Second prize in category D went to Russian 27-year-old Stepan Lavrov. Third went to Yoon Jung Yang, 28, from South Korea.

This year's competition attracted 130 applicants aged 8 to 35, from 39 different countries. The jury was chaired by Teatro alla Scala and Filarmonica della Scala concertmaster Francesco De Angelis. The event takes its name from 19th–20th century Italian luthier Andrea Postacchini.

Watch a [video of Samuel Tan](#) playing Kreisler's Praeludium and Allegro last year.