

Prizes

Senior Section

1st prize	£5000	sponsored by Florian Leonhard
2nd prize	£3000	donated by the President in memory of his father Seizaburo Hattori
3rd prize	£2000	anonymous donation
4th prize	£1000	donated by Mr and Mrs Albert Frost
Bach Prize	£1000	donated by Mr and Mrs Robert Masters for the best performance of Bach

Senior competitors reaching the Second Stage but not going forward to the Finals will receive £100 each.

Junior Section

1st prize	£3500	sponsored by J & A Beare
2nd prize	£2000	sponsored by Geldards LLP
3rd prize	£1500	sponsored by Christophe Landon
4th prize	£1000	donated by Zamira Menuhin Benthall & Jonathan Benthall
5th prize	£750	donated by Michael Blakey

Composer's Prize £250 for the best performance of the work by Pwyll ap Siôn.

All unplaced Junior finalists will receive £100.

The Yehudi Menuhin International Violin Competition for Young Violinists is a member of the European Union of Music Competitions for Youth (EMCY). Winners of the competition may be offered participation in:

- An annual concert of international competition winners with the European Broadcasting Union (EBU)
- The TV Competition Eurovision Young Musicians
- The European Summer Academy
- European Concerts with and without orchestra

Jury's Decision

The system of marking used in competitions varies considerably from one competition to another. After great thought and taking the past experience of the Menuhin Competition and other international music competitions into consideration, the following was decided upon: The competition's Junior Section consists of two rounds. Out of 20 candidates in the First Round, eight will proceed into the Finals and five will receive a prize.

The competition's Senior Section consists of three rounds. Out of 22 candidates in the First Round, 10 will proceed into the Semi-finals and four will play in the Finals and receive a prize.

In the First Round and the Senior Semi-finals the decision whether a candidate goes forward into the next round will be based on a simple majority vote. The jury will be asked to vote YES or NO or POSSIBLE without any consultation between jury members. In an event of a tie there will be a revote.

The Finals only will be voted in order of preference with a point system: 1-5 for the Junior Section and 1-4 for the Senior Section. Thus the lowest point count will represent the winner.

All decisions of the jury are final.

Competition Rules

The Competition is open to violinists of any nationality under the age of 22. Junior competitors must be under 16 years of age and senior competitors under 22 years of age on 20th April 2008. Violinists aged 15 may also enter the senior section. The jury will be composed of a chairman and distinguished, international musicians and all decisions of the jury will be final. The jury reserves the right to withhold any prize should the required standard not be achieved. Once a competitor has won 1st prize, he or she will not be eligible to enter the same section again. Experienced piano accompanists will be available to all competitors with one rehearsal for each stage. Competitors may bring their own piano accompanists at their own expense but must perform with the official cellist/violist. All music must be played from memory and without repeats unless indicated. All competitors must agree to make themselves available to perform at the Gala Concert on 20th April 2008 and other events during the Menuhin Competition Cardiff 2008.