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Prizes Awarded at England's Windsor Festival International String Competition

22 year old cellist Jonathan Swensen from Denmark has been awarded 1st prize at the 2019 Windsor Festival International String Competition

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22 year old cellist, **Jonathan Swensen** from Denmark has today been awarded 1st prize at the 2019 7th **Windsor Festival International String Competition** – in Windsor, England.

A graduate of the **Royal Danish Academy of Music**, where he studied with **Toke Møldruphas**, Jonathan was recently awarded 1st prize at the 2018 Khachaturian International Cello Competition – and the 2018 Young Concert Artists International Auditions, in New York.

He is currently pursuing his Master's Degree with Torleif Thedèen at the Norwegian Academy of Music, in Oslo.

Open to international violinists, violists and cellists aged 16-26, Jonathan will receive £5,000, a fine contemporary cello bow, a CD recording on the Champs Hill Records label – and a number of important international performance opportunities.

2nd prize, and this year's audience prize were awarded to 25 year old cellist, **Jamal Aliyev** from Turkey.

3rd prize was awarded to 24 year old violinist, **Mathilde Milwidsky** from England.

The 2019 jury comprised: **Pierre Amoyal, Wolfram Christ, David Strange, Martin Denny, Alexander van Ingen** and **Hellen Sprott**.

Previous 1st prize winners include: VC Young Artist **Nathan Meltzer**.

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