

## Competition Results

On a bright sunny spring morning Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April, young musicians from all over the UK descended on the historic Gregynog Hall for a day of competition. From the 17 semi-finalists who competed during the day, five were chosen to go through to the finals evening concert and a chance to win £3,000 First prize and the Peter Garbett-Edwards Trophy. The winner also is given an opportunity to appear at Gŵyl Machynlleth Festival and Tenby Arts Festival.

The audience were treated to musicianship of an extremely high standard and the adjudicator panel of Ieuan Jones, Michael Dussek, Ewan Easton, Chris Hoyle and Jenni Phillips certainly had a challenge in making their decisions.

The finalists were: (L -R on above photo)

Young Pianist of the Year – Janeba Kanneh-Mason from Nottingham.  
Young Woodwind Player of the Year – Daniel Scott from Minsterley.  
Young String Player of the Year – Sheku Kanneh-Mason from Nottingham  
Young Guitarist of the Year – Alexandra Whittingham from Manchester.  
Young Brass Player of the Year – Benjamin Goldscheider from Ashwell, Herts

The overall title of 'Gregynog Young Musician of the Year 2015' was awarded to 16 year old Cellist Sheku Kanneh-Mason who attends Trinity Catholic School in Nottingham. He holds the ABRSM Junior Scholarship at the Royal Academy of Music, where he studies cello with Ben Davies. Sheku gained Grade 8 distinction for cello at the age of 9 and he also has Grade 8 distinction for Piano. Sheku plays in the Junior Academy Symphony Orchestra and Trinity Chamber Orchestra. He also plays Chamber music with his siblings in the Kanneh-Mason String Quartet and Piano Trio.

The title of 'Young Accompanist' with prize money of £400 went to 12 year old Janeba Kanneh-Mason, who accompanied her brother Sheku.

**Next year's competition will take place on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2016.**

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