



## ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL SWINDON YOUNG MUSICIAN OF THE YEAR COMPETITION

The 17<sup>th</sup> Swindon Young Musician of the Year Competition, at the Blunsdon House Hotel on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> February attracted 25 young musicians & singers, all under 17 years of age, and an audience of 130.

The Rotary Club of Swindon North has encouraged local schools to enter their most talented music pupils into this annual Competition since 1997.

Certificates and W.H.Smith's vouchers were awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd places in both a junior and a senior section and the Mayor of Swindon, Cllr Mick Bray, was on hand to make the presentations.

Simon Taranczuk, Director of Chapel Music at Marlborough College, was the adjudicator. He studied music at the University of Hull and as an organ scholar at Beverley Minster and Lincoln Cathedral. Receiving an FRCO diploma in 2003 he then did a master's degree in English Church Music at the University of East Anglia. Simon was a music teacher at schools in Dorset, Suffolk and Gloucestershire before taking up his current post in 2009.

Reassuring the entrants by admitting he was as nervous as they probably were, Simon Taranczuk said: "*Don't think of this as a competition; it's a concert, so enjoy yourselves.*"

More information about the 2013 Swindon Young Musician Competition of the Year can be found on the Rotary Club of Swindon North website using this link

<http://www.rotary-ribi.org/clubs/page.php?PgID=252047&ClubID=616>

### **Results - Senior Section (15-17 years of age)**

- 1st.** Chris Stone, Highworth Warneford School, playing Piazzolla's "Milonga del angel" on classical guitar, awarded a £25 Voucher.  
**2nd.** Chloe-May Hughes, Commonweal School, singing "My Immortal" by Evanescence, awarded a £15 Voucher.  
**3rd.** Jordan Isgin, St Joseph's College, playing Chopin's "Waltz in A flat" on piano, awarded a £10 Voucher.

### **Results - Junior Section (14 years of age and under)**

- 1st.** Ciara Parker-Northeast, Highworth Warneford School, playing Massenet's "Meditation" on violin, awarded a £25 Voucher.  
**2nd.** Jake Painter, Bradon Forest School, playing Gary Moore's "Still Got the Blues" on guitar, awarded a £15 Voucher.  
**3rd.** Charlie-Ann Bradfield, Dorcan Academy, singing and accompanying herself on guitar with her own composition "The Nerves", awarded a £10 Voucher.

### **FURTHER INFORMATION:**

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meets Mondays, 6.15pm, at the Blunsdon House Hotel, Swindon  
President 2012/2013: Tony Wise