

Young vocalist Jasmin Milne from Grangemouth High is announced as Falkirk champion and the next competitor to be confirmed for the Scottish Young Musicians Solo Performer of the Year final



On 29 March at Falkirk Town Hall, solo musicians from secondary schools across Falkirk competed for a spot in the Scottish Young Musicians final which will take place on 29 May this year in the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland.

Scottish Young Musicians Solo Performer of the Year is a new Scotland-wide music competition launched by The Music Education Partnership Group, Scotland's only music competition where funding and expertise is offered to every school and Local Authority, giving all pupils in the country the chance to take part.

Following a string of excellent live performances at Falkirk Town Hall, **S6 pupil Jasmin Milne from Grangemouth High was announced as the winner** by adjudicators Matthew Chinn, Hughina Naylor and Mae Murray. She sang *If I Aint Got You* by Alicia Keys and *Black Tears* by Imelda May and delivered an outstanding performance. The runners up

were oboe player Esther Kallow from Larbert High and Graeme High pupil Bobby Maxwell who impressed the judges with his alto saxophone performance.

The next step of the competition takes Jasmin to the Royal Conservatoire to compete in the national final in May. The overall winner of the National competition will receive a stunning sculpture by Alexander Stoddart of the Maid of Morven playing the Clarsach, as well as the opportunity to work, play and learn with some world class musicians with links to music colleges for future considerations of a career in music.

The majority of Local Authorities across Scotland are also taking part in the competition, with many more hosting local finals in the coming months to determine who will represent their area in the national final.

Scottish Young Musicians Brass Ensemble of the Year is also taking place in 2022. The winner of this online music competition will be announced on 25 April 2022. The winning ensemble will get an all-expenses paid trip to play a prime slot at the Solo Performer of the Year final on Sunday 29 May at The Royal Conservatoire of Scotland. They will also receive a trophy and a prize of £750 to be spent on ensemble music related activities, generously donated by the legendary trumpet player Philip Jones CBE and his wife Ursula.