



■ The winners of the 2017 Norfolk Young Musician Competition, from left, Jonathan Jolly, Lucy Thalange, Murray Chapman, Michael Anning and Daniel Murphy.

Picture: JONATHAN WORTLEY.

Young musicians impress judges at county event

Talented musicians took to the stage for the 2017 Norfolk Young Musician Competition.

Sixteen young people took part in the event at the John Innes Centre, in Norwich, yesterday and Danielle Perrett, a harpist specialising in solo and chamber music, was the adjudicator.

The Norfolk Young Musician Competition is run by the Michael Badminton Young Musicians Trust and supported by Woodbridge Violins and Norfolk and Norwich Chamber Music.

"There was a very high standard and quite a variety of instruments," said Jonathan Wortley, the trust's chairman and assistant adjudicator.

"It was a real treat to see so many really talented musicians taking part and hopefully they will all go on to great things."

First prize was presented to mezzo soprano Lucy Thalange, an 18-year-old Norwich High School for Girls pupil who is going to study at the Royal Academy of Music.

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Second prize was awarded to 17-year-old Norwich pianist Murray Chapman, who also won the Mrs E Sturgeon Piano Prize.

Third prize went to 17-year-old Michael Anning, from Loddon, who plays the alto saxophone.

The Michael Badminton String Prize was awarded to 17-year-old guitarist Daniel Murphy, from Overstrand, and the Norfolk and Norwich Chamber Music Prize for the most promising wind player went to 16-year-old Norwich School pupil Jonathan Jolly, who plays the alto saxophone.

The other young people who took part in the competition included Caitlin Obee (flute), Dylan Latham (violin), Elin Davies (clarinet), Tad Davies (flute), Chilly Chan (violin), Leila Hooton (flute), Cassidy Chan (double bass), Tom Oliver (guitar), Leila Hooton (voice), Jad Grainger (piano) and Scarlett Askew (flute).