Eisteddfod showcases rising stars

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TALENTED young performers from around the community took part in the B'nai B'rith Victoria Jewish Youth Music Eisteddfod finals concert held at Glen Eira Town Hall on Sunday.

This year's eisteddfod featured 50 soloists and 20 ensembles in categories ranging from piano, woodwind, strings and vocal.

The concert was the culmination of heats with performances and the announcement of the major prizes.

The $1000 prize donated by B'nai B'rith Victoria was won by flautist Yael Zamir, a year 10 student at McKinnon Secondary College. She also won the Woodwind Classical prize.

Other category winners were Zara Phillips-Mason of St Michael's Grammar School in Vocal Classical, Danielle Carey of Melbourne University for Vocal Contemporary, Havah Rotblat of Leibler Yavneh College for Piano Classical and Yoni Ringelblum of The King David School for Strings Classical.

Eisteddfod chairperson Andrew Kolb was thrilled with the high standard of all participants at this year's event.

"We had a record number of

Classical Strings winner Yoni Ringelblum.

Havah Rotblat, 8, shows her style at the piano.

Zara Phillips-Mason was the winner of the Classical Vocal category.

vocal and instrumental ensembles and some outstanding solo performers," he said.

Performers as young as eight took to the stage before an enthusiastic audience of about 300 people.

The concert featured performances by all the prize winners as well as the Mount Scopus Memorial College string orchestra, the Leibler Yavneh College jazz band and 13-year-old Bialik College pianist Yehonatan (Yoni) Margolin, who won the major prize at last year's eisteddfod.

Heat winners in Vocal Classical

were Arten Singer of Bialik College (8-10 years) and Zara Phillips-Mason (15-17 years), while in Vocal Contemporary they were Anouchka Starr of Mount Scopus (8-10 years), Sophia Ozernov of Beth Rivkah (11-14 years), Zara Phillips-Mason (15-17 years) and Danielle Carey (18-25 years).

In Piano Classical the heat winners were Havah Rotblat (8-10 years), Tia Black of Bialik College (11-14 years) and Miriam Rotblat of Leibler Yavneh College (15-17 years), while in Piano Contemporary the winner was Yonathan Ozernov of Whitehorse Primary School (8-10 years).

Yael Zamir was the winner in Woodwind Classical (16-19 years) and Yoni Ringelblum was the winner in Strings Classical (11-14 years).

In the ensembles category, Mount Scopus Memorial College, The King David School and Leibler Yavneh College were presented with trophies for reaching the finals stage.

The adjudicators were Anne Gilby, Doug Heywood, John Quaine and Brett Rosenberg.

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