



Ji Won is Australia's Best in 2009

Sydney violinist Ji Won Kim, a postgraduate student at The Con, has been named the nation's best young performer.

The 24 year old last night won the grand final of the **ABC Symphony Australia Young Performer of the Year Award**, which is considered the nation's most prestigious individual musical competition.

Kim, from Kingsford, performed Sibelius's Violin Concerto.

She won through three rounds of preliminary competition to be one of three grand finalists for the "play-off" at the Adelaide Festival Theatre.

Her current mentor, Con **Associate Professor Alice Waten**, described Kim's performance as "magical."

"Ji Won is already one of this country's most accomplished young musicians and this award reinforces the breadth of her talent and speaks volumes for a brilliant future," said Associate Professor Waten.

Kim receives a cash award and engagements with a major Australian symphony orchestra.

The Grand Final win complements her being a finalist in the strings division of this Award in 2008.

Kim, a graduate with high distinctions from the Vienna Hochschule and the University of Melbourne, has participated in a range of international music festivals, including Salzburg, Lisbon, New York and Toyko.

Oboist **David Papp**, 24, who completed a Bachelor of Music at The Con in 2008, and Perth teenager **Bo An Lu** (piano) were the other grand finalists.

Kim's winning performance will be broadcast on the ABC's Sunday Arts program on 22 November.

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