

Canterbury Festival

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Kent's International Arts Festival

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Festival Foundation Young Musician 2011

Caitlin Shaughnessy, local girl and music scholar at Kent College, was announced as the unanimous winner of the inaugural Canterbury Festival Foundation Bursary Competition. Judges selected from a very talented array of finalists - Jessica Meakin, Emily Rowland, Danielle O'Neill, Arran Hope, Georgina Lambert and Kirsty O'Neill - who all performed at the Shirley Hall, King's School, on Monday 24 October.

Caitlin, a violinist, accompanied by Eleni Keventsidou, played a virtuosic *Danse Espagnole* by Manuel de Falla with exquisite technique and panache. The judges, Carmel Kaine, Professor John Irving, and David Burrige, all agreed she played with impressive technical skill and artistic maturity.

The £2,000 award from the Festival Foundation was this year supported by the Sunley Foundation and the prize was presented on the night by Mrs Fiona Sunley. This was the very first major bursary from the charity which exists to support the long term future of the Canterbury Festival, as well as investing in young musicians in Kent.

From 1 February other local young musicians are invited to apply, through their schools or music teachers, for a place in next year's final which will take place during the Canterbury Festival in October 2012. For details please contact the Canterbury Festival office on 01227 452853 or visit canterburyfestival.co.uk

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Notes to Editors:

- Canterbury Festival is Kent's International Arts Festival, the largest festival of arts and culture in the region, and one of the most important cultural events in the South East. Revived in 1984, the annual Festival attracts an audience of over 70,000 people of all ages to free and ticketed events, drawn from across Kent, London and the South East. With over two hundred events in two weeks the Festival has something to offer to everyone from classical music to contemporary dance, comedy to world music with theatre, walks, talks, visual arts and much more.
- The Festival Foundation aims is to provide the financial stability necessary for the Canterbury Festival to become a highly visible and accessible year-round resource and to help East Kent's young musicians of the future to develop their talents.
- The new Festival website launched on 18 July includes an RSS feed interested members of the media can subscribe to, ensuring updates to the press section of the website reach them as they happen.