



Sevenoaks Young Musician of the Year Felix Rosenboom (centre) flanked by judges Nancy Litten and Andrew Sherwood, third prize winner Eliza Ruffle and second prize winner James Tett

THE Sevenoaks Young Musician of the Year Competition took place at the Stag Theatre on Sunday, March 3.

Fourteen young instrumentalists, ranging in age from 13 to 20, each gave a 15 minute recital in front of two professional adjudicators, Nancy Litten and Andrew Sherwood, who praised the impres-

sively high standard of all the contestants who should be extremely proud of themselves.

The winner of the £500 Sevenoaks Town Council Prize was 16-year-old cellist Felix Rosenboom, who also got the opportunity of a concerto performance with the Lydian Orchestra at their December concert.

The second prize, the Sevenoaks School Prize of £250, went to 18-year-old James Tett, violinist and third was pianist Eliza Ruffle, aged 13, who won the Reid Sohn Prize of £100.

The Young Musician Competition, an important prestige event for Sevenoaks, has become a prominent part of the musical life of the

town, and is extremely grateful to the Sevenoaks District Arts Council for its generous grant, to the Sevenoaks Town Council for its support in providing the money for the first prize. Also to Sevenoaks School and Reid Sohn Pianos for the second and third prizes, and to its other sponsors Sevenoaks Music Club and T.A. Craig Violin Restorer.

This year the Sevenoaks Three Arcs Festival, which runs the Young Musician Competition, has entered into a Community Friendship arrangement with Rockdale Housing Association under which Rockdale residents are invited to attend the Competition free of charge, and it was good to see a dozen or so trying advantage of this arrangement.