2026 VSA International Competition — Awards List

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Instruments

Basses

Award	Name
Certificate of Merit for Artisanship	Evan Davenport
Certificate of Merit for Artisanship	Mason Weedman
Silver Medal for Tone	Colin Shipman & Fu Ming Zhang
Gold Medal for Bass	**Trevor Davis**
Double Gold Medal	**Christopher Savino**

Cellos

Award	Name
Certificate of Merit for Tone	Guillaume Turgeon
Certificate of Merit for Tone	Stefan Valcuha
Certificate of Merit for Tone	Jun Hong Wang & Jingjing Wang
Certificate of Merit for Tone	Yunhai Xu
Certificate of Merit for Artisanship	Alexandre Beaussart
Certificate of Merit for Artisanship	Fabienne Gauchet
Bronze Medal	Michael Doran
Silver Medal for Tone	Emma Draghi & Milos Seyda
Silver Medal for Artisanship	Gino Sfarra
Silver Medal for Artisanship	Anton Somers
Double Gold Medal	**Gideon Baumblatt & Mira Gruszow**
Double Gold Medal	**Gianmaria Stelzer & Boris Haug**

Violas

Award	Name
Certificate of Merit for Tone	Zhongbo Wang
Certificate of Merit for Tone	Yifan Xiao
Certificate of Merit for Artisanship	Fabienne Gauchet
Certificate of Merit for Artisanship	Weitao Gong
Certificate of Merit for Artisanship	Jialai Hu
Certificate of Merit for Artisanship	Paweł Kubacka
Certificate of Merit for Artisanship	Bin Li
Certificate of Merit for Artisanship	Jinlong Yang

Award	Name
Silver Medal for Tone	Marinos Glitsos
Silver Medal for Tone	Zhenyu Liang
Silver Medal for Tone	Zhiling Liang
Silver Medal for Artisanship	Guy Harrison
Silver Medal for Artisanship	Justin A. Hess
Silver Medal for Artisanship	Antoine Nedelec
Silver Medal for Artisanship	Hyunjung Park
Silver Medal for Artisanship	Gianmaria Stelzer & Boris Haug
Gold Medal for Viola	**Guillaume Turgeon**

Violins

Award	Name
Certificate of Merit for Tone	Zhenyu Liang
Certificate of Merit for Tone	Emanuil Markov
Certificate of Merit for Tone	Christian Schabbon
Certificate of Merit for Tone	Ryan L Soltis
Certificate of Merit for Tone	Stefan Valcuha
Certificate of Merit for Artisanship	Akop Azoyan
Certificate of Merit for Artisanship	Gonzalo Bayolo
Certificate of Merit for Artisanship	Lucas Castera
Certificate of Merit for Artisanship	Michael Doran
Certificate of Merit for Artisanship	Emma Draghi & Milos Seyda
Certificate of Merit for Artisanship	Fabienne Gauchet
Certificate of Merit for Artisanship	Weitao Gong
Certificate of Merit for Artisanship	Marcin Krupa
Certificate of Merit for Artisanship	Paweł Kubacka
Certificate of Merit for Artisanship	Kwanghoon Lee
Certificate of Merit for Artisanship	Xiaowei Liu
Certificate of Merit for Artisanship	Bruno Rebolledo
Certificate of Merit for Artisanship	Viateur Roy
Certificate of Merit for Artisanship	Gianmaria Stelzer & Boris Haug
Certificate of Merit for Artisanship	Zhongbo Wang
Certificate of Merit for Artisanship	Stella Eunbyul Yoo
Certificate of Merit for Artisanship	Qingwu Zhang
Certificate of Merit for Artisanship	Guihai Zong
Silver Medal for Tone	Zhiling Liang
Silver Medal for Artisanship	Camille de Tredern

Award	Name
Silver Medal for Artisanship	Mathieu Fourrier & Ines Lecher
Silver Medal for Artisanship	Guy Harrison
Silver Medal for Artisanship	Guillaume Turgeon
Gold Medal for Violin	**Justin A. Hess**
Gold Medal for Violin	**Antoine Nedelec**
Double Gold Medal	**Gideon Baumblatt & Mira Gruszow**
Double Gold Medal	**Collin Gallahue**

Quartets

Award	Name
Certificate of Merit for Tone	Lucas Castera
Certificate of Merit for Tone	Theodore Skreko
Certificate of Merit for Tone	Xiaolin Xu
Certificate of Merit for Artisanship	Camille de Tredern
Certificate of Merit for Artisanship	Fabienne Gauchet
Certificate of Merit for Artisanship	Gino Sfarra
Gold Medal for Quartet	**Zhongbo Wang**
Double Gold Medal	**Gianmaria Stelzer & Boris Haug**

Bows

Bass Bows

Award	Name
Certificate of Merit for Artisanship	Michael Gaisbacher
Certificate of Merit for Artisanship	Oskar Krawiecki
Gold Medal for Bass Bow	**Jon Hess**

Cello Bows

Award	Name
Certificate of Merit for Artisanship	Mengqing Chen
Certificate of Merit for Artisanship	Éric Gagné
Certificate of Merit for Artisanship	Jon Hess
Certificate of Merit for Artisanship	Oskar Krawiecki
Certificate of Merit for Artisanship	Lucie Martinie
Gold Medal for Cello Bow	**Niall Flemming**
Gold Medal for Cello Bow	**Julien Mortier**
Gold Medal for Cello Bow	**Magdalena Sapeta**

Viola Bows

Award	Name
Certificate of Merit for Artisanship	Éric Gagné
Certificate of Merit for Artisanship	Jon Hess
Certificate of Merit for Artisanship	Oskar Krawiecki
Certificate of Merit for Artisanship	Lucie Martinie
Certificate of Merit for Artisanship	Magdalena Sapeta
Gold Medal for Viola Bow	**Mengqing Chen**
Gold Medal for Viola Bow	**Niall Flemming**

Violin Bows

Award	Name
Certificate of Merit for Artisanship	Niall Flemming
Certificate of Merit for Artisanship	Jon Hess
Certificate of Merit for Artisanship	Zhigang Ma
Certificate of Merit for Artisanship	Lucie Martinie
Certificate of Merit for Artisanship	Pierre Nehr
Gold Medal for Violin Bow	**Éric Gagné**
Gold Medal for Violin Bow	**Magdalena Sapeta**

Hors Concours

Gideon Baumblatt
Mira Gruszow
Justin A. Hess
Christopher Savino