

13th International Saxophone Meeting

5th International Saxophone Competition in Slovenia

Nova Gorica, 3rd – 5th July 2009

14 competitors came from Slovenia, Croatia, Italy, Spain, Poland, Finland, Great Britain, Israel, Hungary and Japan.

Members of the jury:

Eugene Rousseau (USA), president of the jury
Arno Bornkamp (NL)
Marcus Weiss (CH)
Dragan Sremec (CRO)
Matej Šarc (SLO)

Prizes:

Category 1: born in 1989 or younger

1st prize: **Michał Gasztych (1992), Poland**

KINSTAR soprano saxophone (BB/KSS/15L) - SYMPHONY INTERNATIONAL d.o.o.;
YAMAHA gold plated alto saxophone neck (AG-1GP) - YAMAHA MUSIC Central Europe GmbH; a gift voucher by RICO.

2nd prize: **Jan Gričar (1992), Slovenia**

a gift voucher for 500 € - E. ROUSSEAU Music Products; YAMAHA silver plated alto saxophone neck (AG-1S) - YAMAHA MUSIC Central Europe GmbH; a gift voucher by RICO.

3rd prize: **Lovro Merčep (1990), Croatia**

a gift voucher for 400 € - VANDOREN; a gift voucher for 300 € - BG France; a gift voucher by RICO.

The award for **best performed composition by Slovene composers** went to: **Jan Gričar** (Slovenia).

EMCY (The European Union of Music Competitions for Youth) presents 'EMCY Art for Music Prize' certificate and a graphic artwork to a musician (from category 1), who studies or lives in Europe, and who demonstrates great musicality and characterful, inspiring playing. The award went to: **Sara Beriša** (Slovenia).

Results of the Category 1 Finale

Nova Gorica, 4. 7. 2009

Competitor	Place
GASZTYCH Michal (P)	1.
GRIČAR Jan (SLO)	2.
MERČEP Lovro (HR)	3.

Category 2: born in 1983 or younger

1st prize: Joonatan Rautiola (1983), Finland

SELMER soprano saxophone (Super Action III) - SELMER PARIS and SOUND-TECH d.o.o.; 500 € award - SAKSOFONIJA MUSIC SOCIETY; a gift voucher by RICO.

2nd prize: Yasui Hiroe (1983), Japan

P. MAURIAT soprano saxophone (System-76) - LASTRA COMPANY, Paganini Shop; 300 € award - SAKSOFONIJA MUSIC SOCIETY; a gift voucher by RICO.

3rd prize: Blaž Mijovič (1987), Slovenia

SEQUOIA soprano saxophone - ROBERTO BUTTUS; 200 € award - SAKSOFONIJA MUSIC SOCIETY; a gift voucher by RICO.

Results of the Category 2nd Finale

Nova Gorica, 5. 7. 2009

Competitor	Place
RAUTIOLA Joonatan (FIN)	1.
HIROE Yasui (JP)	2.
MIJOVIČ Blaž (SLO)	3.

The award for **best performed composition by Slovene composers** went to: **Joonatan Rautiola** (Finland).

Special prizes:

DSS - The Society of Slovene Composers will present winners in each category with practical prizes: two editions from Society of Slovene Composers, and two CDs from the collection 'Ars Slovenica'.

SLOWAY Music Editions will award the best performance of Slovenian composition in each category with two editions of new Slovenian saxophone music.

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